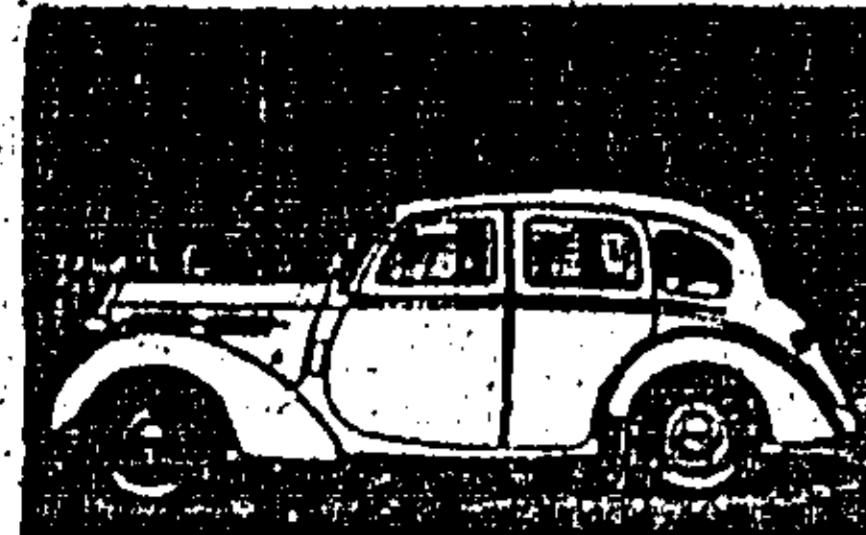


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Bratislava Appeals To Italy, Germany

BERLIN, MAR. 23.

THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THAT HUNGARIAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED PARTS OF EASTERN SLOVAKIA, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM BRATISLAVA.

Reports indicate that the Hungarian incursions into Slovakia are rather more serious and far-reaching than first believed.

A Bratislava report says that a formal note has been sent from Bratislava to Budapest, protesting against violation of Slovak territory, and demanding a satisfactory reply within a few hours.

Information has also been sent to Berlin, but it is not yet known whether German military assistance has been requested.

Slovakian troops are strongly resisting the attacks, and minor engagements are reported to have occurred, with casualties on both sides.

Aeroplanes appeared to-day over Pradesov, but no bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

REACH SECOND LINE

SLOVAKIAN TROOPS, the Hlinka Militia and bombing planes to-day battled fiercely against Hungarian troops seeking to seize a fifteen mile strip of territory inside Slovakian territory.

The Hungarians are reported to have made this attempt with the consent of Herr Hitler.

The Hungarians crossed the frontier at three points and followed the retiring Slovaks to the second lines of defence, where a strong Slovak counter attack is reported to have repulsed them.

The Slovak Minister of Defence issued a communiqué saying, "At 2.30 p.m. Slovak defence commanders report that the Hungarian advance has been halted and probably could be held until reinforcements arrive."

The invasion extended 13½ miles to Michalovo and Male.

Military sources said the Hungarians are apparently attempting to reach Eperjes and force their way through to the Polish frontier.

The Slovaks have protested to Italy and Germany in an effort to persuade them to compel the Hungarians to respect their frontier.

The Hungarian invaders used tanks and all types of military units.—United Press.

SLOVAK PROTEST

Bratislava, Mar. 23. The Slovak Government has lodged a sharp verbal protest to Budapest against the Hungarian invasion of Slovakia.

The protest alleges the invasion violates the law of agreements as well as Hungary's recognition of Slovak independence.

The Slovak Government demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Hungarian troops.—United Press.

VALID FOR 25 YEARS

Budapest, Mar. 23. It is revealed that the agreement signed between Germany and Slovakia becomes effective immediately, and will remain valid for 25 years.

Before expiration of that period, both governments will communicate in time regarding prolongation of the treaty.—Trans-Ocean.

REICH SLOVAK PACT IS SIGNED

Budapest, Mar. 23. A German-Slovak Treaty has been signed.

Under the treaty, the Reich takes in an official communiqué replying to the Slovak protest against the political independence of the Slovak State, and the integrity of its territory.

Premier's Grave Warning

Britain Will Resist Further Aggression

LONDON, Mar. 23.

IN A STATEMENT on the international situation made in the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister said that the Government had already made it clear that the German Government's recent actions had raised the question of whether Germany was not seeking, by successive efforts, to dominate Europe, and perhaps even to go further.

If this interpretation of German intentions proved correct, the Government felt bound to say that as similar attempts had done in the past, this would arouse the successful resistance of this and other countries who prize their freedom.

"I am not yet able to make a statement on the consultations held with other governments as a result of the recent developments.

"I wish to make it clear that there is no desire on the part of the British Government to stand in the way of any reasonable efforts on the part of Germany to expand her export trade.

"Nor is this Government anxious to set up in Europe opposing blocs of countries with different ideas about the forms of their internal administration.

"We are solely concerned here with a proposition that we cannot submit to a procedure under which independent States are subjected to such pressure under the threat of force, as to be obliged to yield up their independence.

"And we are resolved, by all means in our power, to oppose attempts if they should be made, to put such a procedure into operation."—Reuter.

CONSCRIPTION SOON?

London, Mar. 23. It is learned from a reliable source that the object of the talks which the Premier is at present conducting with leaders of the British Labour movement, is to sound Labour opinion on the question of introducing compulsory national service.

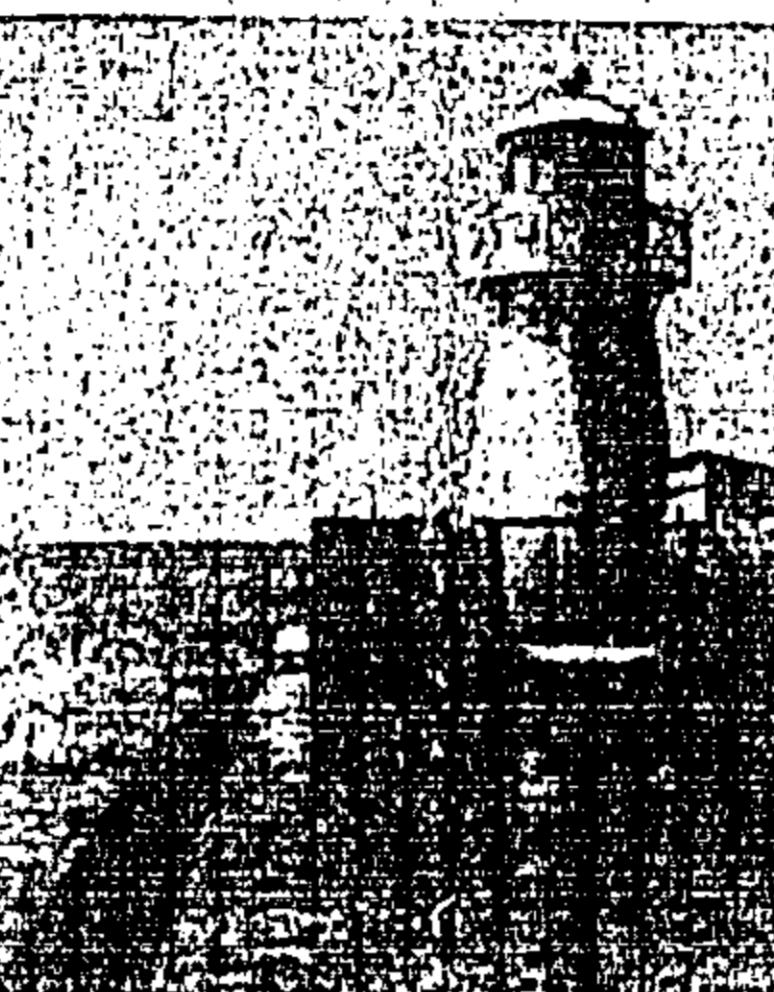
Mr. Chamberlain is believed to be unwilling to take a step in this direction until he is released from his pledge not to introduce conscription in time of peace.

The opposition has apparently decided to refrain from opposing compulsory national service.

Reports coming in from all parts

(Continued on Page 4)

What
Hitler
Saw



THE MOLE at Memel, where huge crowds gathered to greet Herr Hitler yesterday.

MEMEL TO BECOME A POWERFUL FORTRESS

German Battleships Arrive In Harbour

MEMEL, Mar. 23.

IT WAS ANNOUNCED here to-day that Memel is to be made a fortress, with Captain Mollmann of the navy as first Commandant.

The German naval squadrons which arrived in Memel harbour this morning, consists of three battleships, three cruisers, eight destroyers, nine torpedo boats, five convoy ships, and several mine destroyers and mine layers.—Trans-Ocean.



A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH of the city of Memel, which German troops have now occupied.

ANTI-DEMOCRACY MILITARY FRONT

BERLIN, Mar. 23.

DIPLOMATS EXPRESSED the belief that in the event of a European Anti-Hitler front being completed, it will provide a good chance for Germany, Italy and Japan to proceed with a military alliance in retaliation.

Nazi sources here disclosed that negotiations in this direction have been proceeding for some time.

It has been learned from a very reliable source that the Anti-Comintern Pact will probably very shortly be converted into a military alliance.—United Press.

TOKYO REVIEW

TOKYO, Mar. 23. In one of the longest night sessions in history the Japanese Inner Cabinet and key Ministers reviewed European and Soviet affairs last night between 8 p.m. and 12.30 a.m.

Japanese sources here regard this as being most significant in view of the Foreign Minister's recent conference with Prince Salomj and also his three-hour conference with the British Minister on Tuesday.

To-day no Minister would as much as give a hint regarding the details of the conference.—United Press.

NORWEGIANS STAY WITH COLOURS

Oslo, Mar. 23. Norwegian naval recruits, who would ordinarily have been released from service on April 1, are being retained in the colours for a further two months.—Reuter.

GERMAN CLAIMS ON BELGIUM

Brussels, Mar. 23. Foreign press reports that negotiations are taking place between Belgium and Germany with a view to the retrocession of the region of Eupen-Malmédy to Germany, are authoritatively denied here.

The region in question was taken from Germany and ceded to Belgium under the Treaty of Versailles. Of the 62,000 inhabitants, 52,000 are German-speaking, while the remainder consist of Walloons.

It is also denied that in exchange for retrocession, the German Government has offered a new and definite arrangement of Memel having followed a constitutional procedure.

James Murphy is paid at \$1,000.

An unabridged edition of "Mein Kampf" was published in London shortly after Hitler took over power, but had to be withdrawn three years ago at the request of the German publishers.—Trans-Ocean.

“Mein Kampf” Has New Edition

London, Mar. 23. The first unabridged edition of Herr Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was published to-day by Hurst and Blackett.

The book, which was translated by James Murphy, is paid at \$1,000.

An unabridged edition of "Mein Kampf" was published in London shortly after Hitler took over power, but had to be withdrawn three years ago at the request of the German publishers.—Trans-Ocean.

The arrival of important military, naval and air detachments in Memel is regarded here as a demonstration of German force in north-eastern Europe, says "Reuter."

In political circles, it is believed that German influence in Lithuania is likely to be increased, since 80 per cent. of Lithuania's foreign trade goes through Memel.

Herr Hitler arrived in Memel aboard the battleship Deutschland which anchored in the harbour, escorted by destroyers and torpedo-boats, while navy planes flew overhead, says "United Press."

The fleet will lie in the harbour except for several torpedo-boats which entered the river and anchored in the centre of the city.

TROOPS ENTER

London, Mar. 23. German troops entered the city of Memel at 8.5 a.m. Armoured cars rumbled along the streets amid cheers of the crowds lining the sidewalks. Cars drew up before the State Theatre where Hitler is scheduled to appear at about 2 p.m.

The population of Memel was afoot at 7 a.m. and throughout the morning companies of Memel S. A. and Order services have been marching through the streets forming cordons. The crowds cheered and threw flowers to the German troops as they entered, drowning out the noise of heavy wheeled military equipment.

The occupation of Memel began at 7 a.m. with German troops entering from Tilsit.

The autonomous Memel Government ceased to function at midnight. Technically, Herr Hitler, who arrived with German police took over interim government and will later hand it over to Admiral Luiken.

HITLER'S SECRET DESTINATION

Hitler departed at about 4 p.m. aboard the destroyer Leopard for an unrevealed destination. Earlier, from a balcony of a theatre in the centre of the city he had given a triumphant speech welcoming Memel "home to the Reich."

He declared that Germany has now ended its "making good the suffering" inflicted after the World War.

It is not clear whether he meant that Germany is satisfied territorially.

He said the Germany which has arisen "does not trust her fate to foreigners but has determined it herself...even if it does not please the outside world."—United Press.

FORMAL TRANSFER

Kaunas, Mar. 23. A member of the Lithuanian delegation will meet German military representatives at noon for the formal handing over of the Memel territory.

Reuter.

NO. U.S. RECOGNITION

Washington, Mar. 23. The acting Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, said to-day that the United States will not recognize Germany's absorption of Memel.

However, he indicated that it is viewed under a somewhat different category than the absorption of Czechoslovakia.

He drew attention to the absorption of Memel having followed a constitutional procedure.

He said he had received a formal notification from the Lithuanian Minister which had been forwarded to the Treasury Department, a procedure which is interpreted as pressuring a penalty on import duties.

RUMANIA CAN NOW OBTAIN ARMS

Bucharest, Mar. 23. Germany has informed Rumania that all her orders for armaments and munitions placed with the Skoda works in Bohemia before Czechoslovakia was occupied, will be delivered on time.

The orders include ten loads of munitions due for immediate delivery.—Reuter.

WIDE NATURE OF CONCESSIONS

Berlin, Mar. 23. According to a message from Bucharest, arrangements of the widest

character have been made for the

Threat To A.R.P. Denied No 'Merger' With The Police

AIR-RAID wardens, though police controlled, are not to be merged with the police force.

That was the promise given recently by Sir John Anderson, after a Home Office conference.

Many complaints have been made that the change of control of A.R.P. wardens would seriously affect present organisations. There were also suggestions that police control would tend towards militarisation of A.R.P.

At the conference with representatives of outer London authorities, Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of Police, said that he had agreed to accept the new responsibility only if the air raid wardens' organisation were kept separate from the police.

Sir John Anderson emphasised that it was never contemplated that the existing air raid wardens service should be scrapped, merged with the police, or lose its identity.

In a statement to the "Daily Herald" on the question of police control of wardens, Mr. Herbert Morrison said:

"The proposal was approved by a majority of the Metropolitan Borough Standing Joint Committee which consists of three representatives from each of the Metropolitan Borough Councils. Within that majority was a substantial majority of Labour representatives."

The question is one of effective administration, and in the light of their experiences I gather that most of our people took the view that the police organisation is more suited to the job and would be administratively more effective.

"Moreover, many of the duties of the A.R.P. wardens are not dissimilar from the civil and humanitarian duties of the police.

"When the police take over the wardens services, the Police Commissioner will be responsible to the Home Secretary, and the Home Secretary directly responsible to Parliament.

In the Provinces it is quite common for the wardens to be under the direction of the Chief Constable. That greatly impressed those who took this decision."

By 170 votes to 122, London Trades Council has refused co-operation in the Government's voluntary register scheme for civil defence, on the ground of opposition to Government policy.

Napoleon Said It And Our Army Is Doing It Better Than Any Other

ARMY food and Army cooks have improved by leaps and bounds since the war days.

Now, at the request of the War Office, the L.C.C. Higher Education Committee have started a course for army cooks at the Westminster Technical Institute.

Up to 24 men are to take a series of practical lessons covering 12 weeks. "WEST END" TEST

Their passing-out test will be to cook dinner equal in flavour and variety to that at a West End hotel, with the difference that it will have to show a minimum of waste.

Successful students will join regiments all over the country. Work has begun on a £140,000 Army school of cookery at Aldershot.

MARCHES ON ITS STOMACH

A War Office spokesman said: "All this is more than justified by the increased staying-power, health and temper of the men."

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THREE HOT MEALS

The new portable kitchens, which burn oil-fuel, are so designed that when troops are on the march, the longer they march the hotter the food gets.

"Every soldier gets three hot meals a day, and often a high tea as well."

Rabbit Fights Dogs And Likes His Beer

A lion living in a back-garden at Pinner, Middlesex, and a bear kept as a pet by a family in Croydon made news recently.

But the strangest pet is a rabbit that drinks beer and fights stray dogs.

Bill is his name. He came to London four years ago, a pet for the twelve-year-old son of Mr. Frank Harling, manager of a public house in Marylebone High-street, W.

He was put in a neat hutch in the cellar. Next morning he was found outside the hutch—in a drunken stupor.

He had been drinking beer that dripped from the barrels.

Spot, the family fox terrier, walked down into the cellar two hours later and Bill, by this time burdened with a hang-over, attacked him.

The terrier, fat with easy living, ran from the cellar yelping with fright.

Bill has bullied him ever since. Sometimes Bill does tricks in the saloon bar for the customers. He can take the lid off a biscuit barrel, overturn the barrel and eat a piece of sponge cake.

He can drink a glass of milk without spilling it, and he can do a juggling trick with a bunch of keys.

TAKE HIM AWAY

His fans tell of the time when a woman went into the bar with a cocker spaniel. She was alone—until customers in the other bars heard her screaming: "Take your rabbit off my dog!"

The cocker backed into a corner, was being kicked and bitten by Bill. Bill's young life nearly ended, though, when he attacked a greyhound in Marylebone High-street.

Princess Designs Hats

SOME of the hats, soon to be shown in the spring fashion displays, are models designed by Princess Natasha Bagration, 24-year-old granddaughter of Grand Duke Constantine of Russia, who is a cousin of the Duchess of Kent.

The Princess works in the hat department of Paquin's London shop, and apart from designing new models, acts as saleswoman.

More than once she has posed to the Duchess of Kent, an expert artist, for her portrait.

recently.

He bid to run 150 yards for home and safety, the greyhound about three feet behind him all the way.

Mr. Harding has not let Bill out into the street since then.

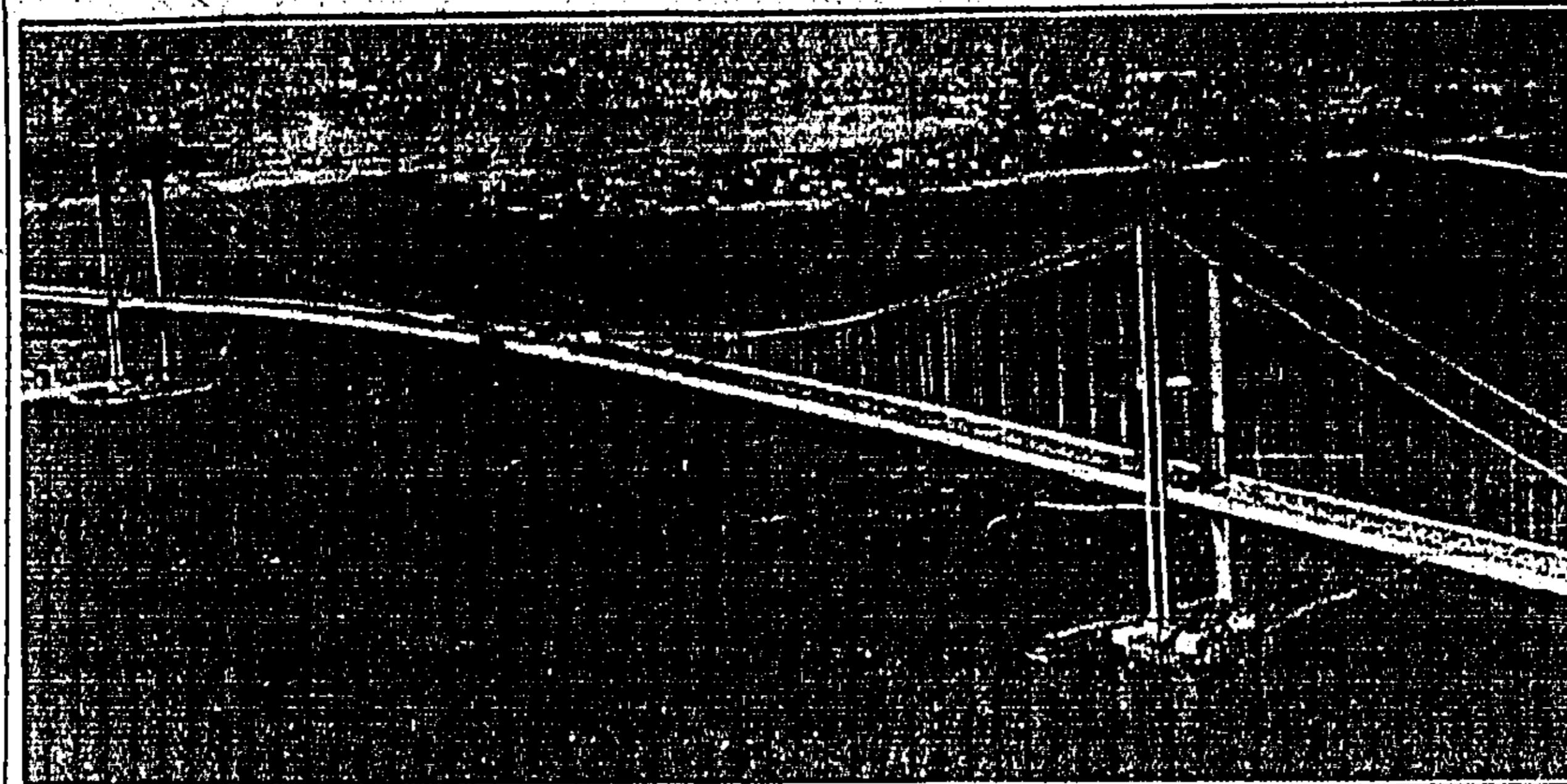
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EMPIRE NEWS NATIONAL REGISTER FOR AUSTRALIA

Sydney.

The Federal Cabinet, meeting at Hobart, considered defence questions in the light of the recent report by Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner in London.

It was decided to establish immediately a voluntary national register as a guide to man power and the industrial and food production capacity of the Commonwealth. The register will include both men and women.

It is believed that a voluntary basis was decided on because such a register can be drawn up more rapidly.

A committee has been appointed to consider a large expansion in liquid fuel storage.

Ministers stated that it was impossible to buy a capital warship, as Britain could not spare one. A British expert will probably be invited to advise Sydney on the site for a battleship dock.

ANTARCTIC RESEARCH—Members of the Cabinet have had informal discussions with Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, the American explorer, who arrived at Hobart from the Antarctic. The Government is expected to buy Mr. Ellsworth's ship, Wyatt Earp, for use in the Antarctic at some later date.

NEW ZEALAND

SPEED URGED IN DEFENCE PLANS

Referring to the Dominion's defence needs, the New Zealand Herald states that speed is the essence of the preparations.

The Government is pre-occupied with social and economic security without national security. The Dominion at present lacks self-reliance. Isolation is no excuse. The Devonport naval base at Auckland is suitable for reefs which are at present being carried out in England, with a great waste of time.

The paper urges the formation of a naval auxiliary force.

SOUTH AFRICA

BIG CAPE WATER STORAGE PROJECT

Cape Town.

An ambitious hydro-electric, water storage and irrigation scheme, based on the construction of a huge dam near Villiersdorp, in the Western Province of the Cape, is now receiving the attention of the Irrigation Department of the Union Government.

This scheme would make available an additional water supply for Cape Town, and would also supply current to surrounding districts, including Hermanus, Caledon and Worcester.

The dam would have a capacity of 4,000,000,000 gallons.

ZULU WAR—VETERAN'S DEATH—The death has occurred at Dundee, at the age of 82, of Thomas Henry Cunningham, a friend of Rider Haggard and a survivor of Isandlwana.

No National Register.—The South African Government has no intention

Job Is Waiting For a New Swiss Family Robinson

THE Swiss-Family-Robinson kind of story gets an up-to-date twist in the news of the quest of the National Trust for a warden to live on the Calf of Man (writes Stanley Baron).

In the book, you remember, it was Mr. Robinson who decided he wanted no more of civilisation. And what Robinson said, in the dutiful eighteen-hundreds, went.

But the Calf of Man will be an affair of woman.

So strongly do the National Trust feel on the subject that after going through more than a thousand applications and reducing the list to two or three, they have decided to send the final candidates, with wives, over to the island to see conditions for themselves.

And how the wives will react will probably settle the choice.

MAKING DOUBLY SURE

Mr. D. M. Matheson, secretary to the National Trust, said:

"We came to the conclusion that it wouldn't be fair to send anyone out without making doubly sure that he knew what he was in for."

The job (looking after 615 acres of bird sanctuary and running a farm) will probably be one of the loneliest in Britain. It isn't the husband we worry about so much as the wife.

"None of the candidates, so far as I know, has lived alone on an island before. We think we have the right three in the last selections. So the question is now: 'Can Mrs. Robinson stand it?'

REACTION TEST

A National Trust official is to be put at the disposal of the candidates who have been chosen to see the island. He will guide them round and observe their reactions.

But the making of the final decision depends upon when the candidates can get across.

They will go separately—and the currents which cut off the isle from the mainland sometimes—for weeks at a time, are among the worst in Britain.

Smuggling In China

LONDON.

Mr. Day asked a further question in the House of Commons recently regarding smuggling in China when he enquired whether any action had been taken by the Government to safeguard the position which had recently arisen by the continued smuggling in China and what the urge the Government to amend the Customs and Excise Act.

Mr. Butler replied that while the Government naturally viewed with disfavour all evasions of payment of Customs duties in China, no reports of smuggling had been received since the reply he gave to Mr. Day on November 16 last. On that occasion

Mr. Butler stated that according to the Government's information there had been an appreciable decrease in smuggling.

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KING'S TRAIN TO BE "FORT"

POLICE precautions due to the I.R.A. bombing outrages made the King and Queen almost prisoners in the royal train each evening during their three-day "no speechmaking" tour of the north-east recently.

Once the official functions of each day were over, they returned to the train, which was drawn up on the now disused Newcastle-Ponteland passenger line near Ponteland station.

And through the night specially picked Scotland Yard officers and detectives from the Northumberland County, Newcastle and L.N.E.R. forces guarded them.

The scope of the precautions—unparalleled for the safety of a King of Britain visiting the provinces of his own country—can be gathered from the fact that detectives watched the relaying of every yard of gravel and piece of asphalt at the place where the train will stay each night.

Normally, members of the Royal Family visiting the north-east stay at one of the great castles, Lambton, Lumley or Alnwick, but a police official said that their Majesties would be better guarded in the train.



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DECK LANDING TESTS

According to these, 141 officer pilots have entered the Fleet Air Arm from the R.A.F. and R.A.F. Reserve; 101 executive naval officers are already serving as pilots and 152 as air observers.

In addition, the Fleet Air Arm has 133 executive officers and 44 naval ratings under instruction at Service flying training schools, and 34 naval ratings serving as observers' mates.

At Donibristle, Fife, 14 rating pilots are making their final deck-landing tests aboard the carrier Courageous; 15 others will start training this week.

These figures do not include officers of the R.N.V.R. Air Branch or those recruited from civil life.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Of 238 Fleet Air Arm officers drawn from civilian ranks, 116 are training as pilots and 120 as air observers.

A recruiting campaign for air filters and air riggers will be launched during the next few days.

Other Fleet Air Arm branches are those of air mechanic, air artificer, and air apprentice.

Air mechanics are coming forward in satisfactory numbers and there is no shortage of pilot applicants.

An Admiralty official said recently that 60 per cent. of the filters and riggers in the new branches would be selected for promotion as air artificers.

RAID ON QUEEN'S DRESS MAKER

"I was unhappy and wanted to kill myself," said the eight-year-old, who at Ealing Juvenile court admitted trying to stab himself in the stomach with a carving knife.

A woman probation officer said the child threw a piece of wood at his mother and the same day tried to strangle her (the mother) with the carving knife.

"He tells me he is very unhappy at home," added the officer.

On a charge of being beyond his parents' control, he was sent to a remand home for a fortnight.

RUSE BEHIND RISE

The 16-year-old lad whose firm increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways, appeared at Caxton Juvenile Court, summoned for a breach of a probation order.

It had been found to be untrustworthy and a liar, it was stated.

Kindness brought no response and later he admitted stealing £1. Id. belonging to his employers.

He had a stepbrother, said a probation officer, who was "conscious of public opinion against stepbrothers" and left the boy in the hands of his mother.

The lad, who said he had only borrowed the £1. Id. and repaid it, will be sent to an approved school.

NURSE SMACKED CHILD

Alleging that her three-year-old charge was out of control and had pulled her hair, blacked her eye and bitten her neck, Miss Enid Brettingham, of Beaconsfield Avenue, Caxton, successfully claimed in West London county court that she was wrongfully dismissed for smacking him.

Judgment for £5 8s. for wages and loss of board was given against Captain H. S. Foxwell.

Miss Brettingham said she was employed by Captain and Mrs. Foxwell, then staying at a Kensington hotel, on a month's trial at a guinea a week.

She was drying the child after his bath and hit her neck. She told the Court: "I thought it was time he had some punishment and smacked him on the leg."

Mrs. Foxwell said she never saw Miss Brettingham with a black eye.

Judge Hargreaves thought Miss Brettingham was wrong to smack the boy when the mother was there and able to do it. But this did not justify immediate dismissal.

NO RELIGION AT 15

Asked to take the oath at Caxton Juvenile Court, a 15-year-old offender said he had no religion.

He affirmed.

Obstructing the police in Piccadilly Circus was the charge.

Saying he had been mistaken for someone else, the boy intimated he would call a friend as witness. He was remanded for a week.

STRAY DARTS

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AND 3-YEAR-OLD BLACKED HER EYE SAYS NURSE

BOYS of all ages figured in six unusual court cases in various parts of the country recently. There was the boy of 17 who never spoke and was fed by his mother like a bird.

Boy of eight who was unhappy and tried to stab himself. Boy of 16 whose employers increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways; he did not.

Boy of three who, said his nurse, blacked her eye and bit her neck; she smacked him, and won a claim for wrongful dismissal.

Boy of 15 who told the magistrates he had no religion.

Boy of 14 whose "present from Santa Claus" to his young brother was stolen by a tutor who found it.

AGED EIGHT, UNHAPPY

"I was unhappy and wanted to kill myself," said the eight-year-old, who at Ealing Juvenile court admitted trying to stab himself in the stomach with a carving knife.

A woman probation officer said the child threw a piece of wood at his mother and the same day tried to strangle her (the mother) with the carving knife.

"He tells me he is very unhappy at home," added the officer.

On a charge of being beyond his parents' control, he was sent to a remand home for a fortnight.

RUSE BEHIND RISE

The 16-year-old lad whose firm increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways, appeared at Caxton Juvenile Court, summoned for a breach of a probation order.

It had been found to be untrustworthy and a liar, it was stated.

Kindness brought no response and later he admitted stealing £1. Id. belonging to his employers.

He had a stepbrother, said a probation officer, who was "conscious of public opinion against stepbrothers" and left the boy in the hands of his mother.

The lad, who said he had only borrowed the £1. Id. and repaid it, will be sent to an approved school.

NURSE SMACKED CHILD

Alleging that her three-year-old charge was out of control and had pulled her hair, blacked her eye and bitten her neck, Miss Enid Brettingham, of Beaconsfield Avenue, Caxton, successfully claimed in West London county court that she was wrongfully dismissed for smacking him.

Judgment for £5 8s. for wages and loss of board was given against Captain H. S. Foxwell.

Miss Brettingham said she was employed by Captain and Mrs. Foxwell, then staying at a Kensington hotel, on a month's trial at a guinea a week.

She was drying the child after his bath and hit her neck. She told the Court: "I thought it was time he had some punishment and smacked him on the leg."

Mrs. Foxwell said she never saw Miss Brettingham with a black eye.

Judge Hargreaves thought Miss Brettingham was wrong to smack the boy when the mother was there and able to do it. But this did not justify immediate dismissal.

NO RELIGION AT 15

Asked to take the oath at Caxton Juvenile Court, a 15-year-old offender said he had no religion.

He affirmed.

Obstructing the police in Piccadilly Circus was the charge.

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IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Delphinus Arrives With Late Mail

The Imperial Airways Delphinus reached Hongkong yesterday with the air mail, delayed one day on the main line.

The only passenger aboard was Miss Margery Fife, 23, American, who will rejoin the ship Franconia here next week. She is on a world cruise, but broke her journey at Bangkok to come by plane in order to spend a week with friends in Hongkong.

The next mail is expected on schedule tomorrow.

The Far East manager of Imperial Airways, Lt.-Commander A. D. S. Murray, said last evening that he had had no report that the Delphinus had been obliged to return to Bangkok because of the failure of one of the plane's instruments.

PLANE MISSING

Dairon, Mar. 23.—A passenger airliner operating on the Peking-Dairon route of the China Aviation Corporation has been unaccounted for since it left Tientsin for Dairon at 8.10 a.m. to-day. The plane was carrying nine passengers and a crew of three.—Domel.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 24; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 28.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Guam, Honolulu, Boeing Clipper 8.30 a.m. March 25.

For Chukking, Sian, etc. Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For France, via Hanoi: Air France 6.30 a.m. March 25.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 23; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 29.

From Chukking, Yunnanfu, Kweli, C.N.A.C., Eurasia Service indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Boeing Clipper 12.30 p.m. March 25.

From France via Hanoi: Air France, 12.30 March 23.

SUICIDE'S FORESIGHT

Dublin, Mar. 23.—A bottle picked up on the shore here contained a suicide note stating that the writer was taking his own life, and adding, "But for what it is worth, Squadron Castle will win the Lincolnshire Handicap and Coolen the Grand National."

Squadron Castle won the Lincolnshire at 40 to 1 and Coolen steed 25 to 1 in the Grand National. —United Press.

DORADO LEAVES

The Imperial Airways plane Dorado left Kai Tak this morning for Bangkok with Mr. H. C. Lee as the sole passenger. Some 103 lbs. of mail were carried.

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FRANCIS I. DU PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE:

STOCKS: Soviet Russia has agreed to a Four-Power declaration against Nazi aggression.

Herr Hitler's Memel speech declares that Germany has now essentially ended making good the pain caused her after the World War.

The technical action of the market has improved, but evidence of an up-turn is still inconclusive. Standard Oil Company of New Jersey 1939 profits will be materially below those of 1938.

The week's earloadings are 10 per cent. over that of the corresponding period of last year.

LONDON AVERAGES: MARCH 22 MARCH 23

Industrial Average	60.5	60.8
Rails Average	64.0	54.2

These averages are based on 100 as of December 31, 1938.

TRADE WAR IN EUROPE

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character are covered by the new German-Rumanian agreement.

The development of the enormous potential resources of Rumania, particularly in the direction of agriculture, is the main feature of the agreement, and another highly important aspect is the supply of industrial equipment.

Intensification of products is anticipated, especially of oilseed, oil seed, and fibre plant.

Attention is also paid to forestry. German machines and mining equipment will be supplied, and German-Rumanian companies will be formed to exploit copper, chromium and manganese. Bauxite and aluminum industries will be founded.

A German-Rumanian company will promote mineral oil production, execute boring, and a distribution programme.

CO-ORDINATE INDUSTRIES

The two countries will co-ordinate their industries and create new zones in which industrial and trade undertakings will be established, and warehouses will be built for German shipping in the free zone.

The delivery of war materials and armaments for the Rumanian army, navy and air forces, and armaments industries are also included in the agreement.

The agreement will come into force after its ratification, and it will remain valid until March 31, 1944, and if not denounced in year before its expiration, will be prolonged indefinitely subject to a year's notice at the end of every fourth year.—Keuter.

NEGOTIATIONS IN EAST

London, Mar. 23.—The present circumstances are not favourable for the despatch of a British mission to Chungking to consult with the Chinese Government as regards the best opportunities for developing trade in textiles in West China, said Mr. Ronald Cross, replying to Mr. H. Sutcliffe in the House of Commons to-day.

He added that the Board of Trade did not wish to discourage interests concerned from sending a mission if it was considered that the possibilities of trade were worth exploring.—Reuter.

ITALY NEGOTIATES

Genoa, Mar. 23.—It is reported that Italy is negotiating for the purchase of 80,000 tons of wheat from Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Rumania.—Reuter.

Premier's GRAVE WARNING

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of the country serve to show that public opinion generally is in favour of the immediate introduction of limited compulsory service. A six months' period is advocated.—Trans-Ocean.

NOT CHALLENGED

London, Mar. 23.—Government supporters approve of the tone of Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in the House of Commons as regards the International situation, and consider that he could not have been more precise in the present circumstances.

Critics of the Prime Minister in the Government ranks regard it as a strong and important declaration.

Several opposition Labour members have expressed satisfaction with the terms of the statement.

It was observed that after the statement, Labour and Liberal front-benchers asked no questions.

Only Mr. A. Bevan, who is an associate of Sir Stafford Cripps, asked challenging questions.—Reuter.

CZECH CONSUL WON'T HAND OVER

Colombo, Mar. 23.—The Czech Consul, who is an Englishman, has refused to hand over the Consulate to the German authorities.

It is understood that he takes this stand on the ground that England has not recognised the annexation of the Czech States.—Reuter.

SLOVAKIA INVADED BY HUNGARIANS

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Hungarian invasion, the Hungarian Government has promised an immediate investigation.

However, it is said the eastern frontier of Slovakia has never been previously definite, and that it is possible that a local conflict has developed between the Hungarian and Slovakian forces near the frontier.

The reply said there is no question of actual military operations and that the reports that the Hungarians invaded Slovakia with German encouragement are completely false.—United Press.

THE "TELEGRAPH"

will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

POST OFFICE.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAIRS

Per Date Due.

Japan	Aitua Maru	March 24.
Fornosa, Japan and Shanghai	Hokone Maru	March 24.
Shanghai and Swatow	Klungchow	March 24.
Saigon	Liuca	March 24.
Marilla	Pres. Pierce	March 24.
Shanghai and Amoy	Shantung	March 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th Mar.	Burdwan	March 25.

18th Mar.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 25.
Haliphong, Pakhol and Fort Bayard Straits and Europe via Negropont (Papers etc.) London date, 23rd February	Sulyang	March 25.

Swatow Maru	Taiyuan	March 25.
Tilseuren	Victorin	March 25.
Shanghai	Anshun	March 26.
Straits	Corneville	March 26.
Manila	Marchen Macrak	March 26.

Straits	Nugato Maru	March 26.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 13th March	Pan American Airways plane	March 26.
Shanghai	Analoek	March 27.
Haliphong	Canlon	March 27.
Straits	Hector	March 27.

Japan	Rio de Janeiro Maru	March 27.
Tilseuren	Tilsadane	March 27.
Java	Boissevain	March 28.
Shanghai	Empress of Asia	March 28.
Straits	Manila	

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LATE MR. DUDLEY**Australian Community Attends Funeral**

After his death in tragic circumstances on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. G. E. Dudley, President of the Australian and New Zealand Association in Hongkong, and Secretary of Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Company, was buried at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Dudley was one of the most respected members of the Australian community in Hongkong, which was strongly represented at yesterday's funeral.

Mr. Dudley died by his own hand in his office at Bailey's Shipyard at 4.10 p.m. on Wednesday in the presence of Mr. A. A. Dunn, manager of the company, and Mr. Donald Black. He suddenly whipped out a revolver and fired a bullet into his own heart.

The Rev. J. R. Higgs, of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, performed the burial service.

Mr. Dudley's wife was the chief mourner at the funeral, being supported by Miss Ann Fowler, daughter of Mr. G. Dudley, son of the deceased. Mr. G. Dudley will not arrive from Singapore until March 29.

Those present included Lieut.-Col. H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant of the Volunteer Defence Corps, Lieutenant J. R. Mitchell, one, Senior Volunteer Officer, Captain G. de Salles-Robertson, M.M., Officer in Command of the Pay Section, Major G. Bates and S.Q.M.S. H. Woodward, representing the Royal Army Pay Corps, Lieutenant F. Baker, representing the Naval Volunteer Force, and representatives of the District Grand Lodge, Hongkong and South China, Scottish Constitution, the Eastern Scotia Lodge, No. 226 S.C., the Naval and Military Lodge, No. 848 S.C., the Zetland Lodge, No. 525 E.C., the United Services Lodge, No. 1341, and the Naval and Military Royal Arch Chapter, No. 302.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fowler and Miss F. Fowler and Mr. A. A. Dunn were also among the mourners. Others were—Mr. and Mrs. J. Randle, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Neill, Messrs. W. A. Simpson, E. A. R. Newton, A. C. Tribble, F. G. Maund, G. Herdman, R. T. Shrigley, A. Tate, C. E. M. Terry, J. C. Polson, R. Cunningham, F. B. Blinck, J. Wolfe, N. Stockton, L. S. Le-Gay-Bretton, J. P. Whiteman, G. Newhouse, R. Dorner, J. J. Whyte, J. Cameron, W. J. Burling, A. Durd, J. J. Evans, A. E. Bates, S. Eccleshall, G. T. Anderson, A. F. Cochran, R. A. Edwards, W. Greig, J. Drummond, W. Crichton, C. W. E. Bishop, H. Long, A. Kemp, M. Holliday, R. McIlvain, H. Brookes, J. M. Jack, W. E. Kirby, H. Gittins, T. H. G. Brayfield, W. U. Wright, A. W. Blinck, C. W. L. Cole, H. Dreyer, H. T. Buxton, and J. Dick.

Of the wreaths a sheaf of illus from Mrs. Dudley, a wreath from the deceased's mother and sister, and one from his son and Miss Ann Fowler, were lowered into the grave with the casket.

Wreaths were sent by the following—Bella, Joe and Flo, Tim and Chrys, Frank and Erna, Bob Selk, L. Reidy, Marle da Roza, C. Norma Hyndman.

Messrs. A. W. Black, G. T. Anderson, A. S. Adamson, W. Greig, H. T. Buxton, G. F. Walker, Holger Dreyer, C. W. L. Cole, W. M. Wright, A. M. G. Phillips, J. Fox, A. Kemp, W. W. Hirst, D. M. Norona, N. Stockton, Edward Young, A. A. Durd, R. McIlvain, S. Eccleshall, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Le-Gay-Bretton, Dudley E. Gore, T. H. G. Brayfield, Peter Jackson, W. Crichton, Li Chu-chi.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenberg, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fowler and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Polson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Burding, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jack, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Curran, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mawson and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brookes, and Miss M. Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Shrigley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mitchell, S.Q.M.S. and Mrs. E. J. R. Luke.

Chinese Staff W. S. Bailey and Co., W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd., Chinese Foreman and Contractor W. S. Bailey and Co., Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of Pioneering Lodge No. 1105 E.C., President, Committee and Members Kowloon Cricket Club, Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Committed and Members Australian and New Zealand Association, Lodge Eastern Scotia No. 923 H.K.V.D.C.

EUROPEAN SUMMONED**Alleged To Have Driven Car While Intoxicated**

Further evidence was heard before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in a summons against A. G. Hargreave of Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries (China) Ltd., for allegedly driving a car while under the influence of drink, in Bonham Road on February 22, driving without due care and caution.

Hargreave was represented by Mr. G. Nigel, Mr. Alfred Y. S. Ion held a watching brief on behalf of the principal witness, Mr. Woo Kim-tai, Traffic Inspector S. C. Saunders pro-

secuted.

The defendant, it was alleged at a previous hearing, was driving a car westward along Bonham Road, and when near King's College, he, without any apparent reason, went across to the right side of the road. Mr. Woo, who was driving a motor cycle with a million passenger, was proceeding along the same road eastwards, and turned to the right side of the road. Hargreave, it was alleged, then turned back to his own side of the road, with the result that the vehicles collided.

At the Queen Mary Hospital, to which Hargreave and the motorcyclist were taken, Hargreave was examined by Dr. P. R. T. Naidu, one of the house surgeons, who found that his breath smelt of alcohol. During a walking test which defendant was put through by Dr. Naidu, he was said to have staggered and to have actually fallen down after walking two paces. Hargreave was told to walk in a straight line.

Yesterday, Mr. Nigel continued his cross-examination of Dr. Naidu, who said that the walking test was not in the hospital regulations.

Mr. H. H. Symons, Assistant Government Attorney, testified to analysing a sample of Hargreave's urine, which was sent to him from the hospital for testing.

Chan Koon-fook, a dresser employed in the Queen Mary Hospital, said he saw Hargreave in the casualty room, sitting on a bench. Dr. Valentine and Sister Fraser, as well as Dr. Naidu, were present, and after Dr. Valentine and the Sister had left, he assisted Dr. Naidu to dress defendant's hand injury.

Walking Test

Hargreave, he said, was asked to get up and walk by Dr. Naidu. He had to be helped up, and after getting up and commencing to walk, stumbled and almost fell, but was held up by the doctor. The defendant's breath, he continued, smelt of alcohol. Witness had seen many shock and intoxicated cases during his service, and could distinguish them. A person suffering from shock would not be so talkative and laughing, as Hargreave was.

After Chui Lam, hospital cooler, had given evidence of assisting to get Hargreave's urine, Mr. Woo gave evidence.

He said he was travelling eastward along Bonham Road about 1 p.m. on February 22, carrying a friend, Wong, Wing-kit, as million passenger. The car suddenly swerved to witness' side of the road, and witness had no time to do anything else than to swerve to the right in order to avoid it. The car then swerved back to its own side, and they collided. Witness fainted.

At the time, he was travelling at a speed not more than 20 miles per hour.

Cross-examined by Mr. Nigel, witness said he had driven motor cycles before. He denied that he was not driving on his own side of the road just prior to the accident. The hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on March 28.

**An Look Through
the "Telegraph"****50 YEARS AGO**

March 24, 1889.
We beg to inform the Public Works Department, on behalf of the hundreds of rickshau-patrons, that Queen's Road Central is a disgrace to it. And we further move that the said Department be compelled to bring the rickshau-vans to-morrow and furiously to-morrow morning, and to bring 420 times, with particular attention on the part of the driver when between the Hongkong Dispensary and Messrs. Powell's premises. What this Colony wants is a law to prohibit the rickshau-vans.

March 24, 1890.
The Financial Returns for 1938

COLONY'S FINANCES**Revenue And Expenditure Last Year Compared**

The Financial Returns for 1938 were among the papers tabled at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday.

A net amount of \$3,539,406 over 1937 brought revenue figures for last year up to \$36,735,854, which was six million odd dollars more than had been estimated. Against this was an expenditure of \$37,175,807, some four millions more than was estimated and representing \$5,084,775 over what was spent in 1937.

Dealing first with revenue, the most striking advanced compared with 1937 were recorded under Duties (increase of \$1,479,710), Licences and Internal Revenue (increase of \$900,352), Land Sales (increase of \$671,046), and the Kowloon-Canton Rail-way (increase of \$484,347).

Estimates under these heads were nearly trebled in the case of Land Sales; and Duties were underestimated by two millions. The Post Office revenue declined by \$336,367, though exceeding the estimate by half a million; while Port and Harbour Dues also declined by \$91,144, to \$532,530. These were the only two main heads of revenue which fell below 1937 figures.

Increases In Cost

On the expenditure side, only nine of 39 heads showed a decrease, the amount of which was:

H.E. the Governor \$17,200; Colonial Secretary's Office and Legislature \$7,023; Public Works Department \$222,444; Prisons Department \$12,729; Radio Traffic Office \$101,160; Charge on Public Debt \$10,590, etc. Pensions increased by \$146,582, being \$2,708,392. This was \$200,000 more than was estimated.

The greatest increase was \$1,411,02 under Miscellaneous Services, which accounted for over \$3,000,000. The Military Contribution exceeded the 1937 figure, which was close to the estimate for 1938, by \$1,204,308. The Volunteer Defence Corps increased by \$24,240, and the Naval Volunteer Force by \$8,567. Air Raid Precautions, for which nothing was spent in 1937, cost \$104,501 last year.

Under Harbour, expenditure was up by \$210,000; while Air Services were up by \$40,200. The Kowloon-Canton Railway expenditure increased over 1937 by \$32,405.

The Police Department showed an increase of \$170,704; the Sanitary Department an increase of \$40,844; and the Medical Department one of \$39,210.

Wireless, which appeared as a new head, cost \$211,020, which was considerably below the estimated amount. The Post Office expenditure increased by \$154,000, to \$942,717.

5 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1929.
It is understood that the unification of North China and the South China Commands of H.M. Land Forces in China will take place in the near future, when Shanghai will become the Headquarters of the North China Command and will in future be known as the Shanghai Area. The Command will be known as the China Command, with headquarters at Hongkong. Major-General Sandilands is the present commanding the South China Command here and presumably will take over the supreme command when the amalgamation has been completed. Brigadier O. C. Borrett will continue in his present office as Brigadier commanding the Shanghai Area.

FORGED BANKNOTES

Second Visit to Change Them Proves Undoing

On two charges of uttering forged banknotes, and one of unlawful possession of forged notes, a man named Wal-Wing-hung, 23, was committed to the next Criminal Sessions by Mr. E. Hinsworth of the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The Note concludes that France will accept no proposal which violates France's disarmament while maintaining rearmament already in violation of Treaties."

After paying off on March 31, the slope H.M.S. Cornflower is to be handed over to the Hongkong Naval Defence Force for use as a drill ship.

ARMY WEDDING**Capt. A. J. N. Warrack And Miss F. M. Sharp**

The wedding took place yesterday at St. John's Cathedral between Captain Alexander John Noel Warrack, M.B., of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and Miss Florence Mary Sharp.

The bride is one of the twin daughters of Lieutenant-Col. W. Sharp, M.R., and Mrs. Sharp, of Farnborough, Hants, England.

The bridegroom is the younger son of the late Col. J. S. Warrack, M.D., M.R.C.P., and Mrs. Warrack of Gravesend, Kent, England.

The Rev. S. Hincheiff officiated at the ceremony. Lieutenant-Col. W. D. Arthur, M.R.C.P., of the Royal Army Medical Corps, gave the bride away, and Major G. F. Harrison, M.B., also of the Medical Corps, undertook the duties of best man.

Later a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeve, at 461, The Peak.

NEWS IS KNOWLEDGE**QUESTION: How many cigarettes does the average Englishman smoke in a year?**

ANSWER: 945, according to French experts who have been looking into the matter.

Q: Are Englishmen the heaviest smokers of cigarettes?

A: No. Americans smoke more. Their average cigarette consumption is 1,045 a year. Mexicans come third (740), Belgians fourth (630) and Frenchmen fifth (412).

Q: Are people smoking more nowadays?

A: Yes. The past few years have seen a big increase in tobacco consumption in this country.

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Baltic Pawn

THE IMPLICATIONS behind the German occupation of Memelland are much wider than they appear on the surface. The Memel district, a strip of 853 square miles without which Lithuania scarcely can live is, although so small that it is virtually valueless to Germany economically, highly valuable as pawn in the larger game Germany is now playing in Eastern Europe.

Just as the German occupation of Czecho-Slovakia and all it implies makes Poland's southern flank highly vulnerable, so does Lithuania, with whom Poland established diplomatic relations only last year through an ultimatum presented at the point of the gun, lie heavily on her northern flank. And although Lithuania is small, her strategic value is tremendous, especially since Poland's western front is exposed at Danzig. Thus you see in German re-occupation of Memel a lever with which Lithuania can be jostled into almost any position. The first fruits have already become manifest in the Lithuanian-German Non-Aggression Pact, signed yesterday. Germany now has Lithuania's only seaport and Lithuania may, as a result of the dependence she must now place on Germany, find that her freedom is not much more than that enjoyed by the Bohemians, the Moravians or the Slovaks.

You will probably see, as a result of this Memel re-occupation, another spate of diplomatic activity in central Europe, with Warsaw as the axis. Poland, almost surrounded now by Germany, must either resign herself to the knowledge that the Pan-Ukrainian movement Herr Hitler is espousing involves dismemberment of Poland as well as Soviet Russia, or must cast around for new and powerful allies.

In return for facilities in Memel, and especially access to Memel Harbour, Lithuania will almost certainly be forced, in the very near future if not now, to become a vassal of Greater Germany.

Events on the Baltic coast must have a salutary effect on the other little Baltic states, whom Germany would also like to bring within her orbit. They will watch post-Memel developments in Lithuania with the greatest of anxiety as a token of what might be in store for them.

Memel is typical of German colonial territory. Even after 700 years of German rule it contained, according to the German 1910 census, 71,761 inhabitants of German mother tongue, and 67,124 of Lithuanian mother tongue, while in the Lithuanian census of 1925 43.61 per cent of Memel's inhabitants characterised themselves as of German nationality, 27.69 per cent of Lithuanian nationality and 28.18 per cent as Memellanders.

Thus Memel becomes a second precedent for German territorial claims no longer based on the National Socialist principle alone, but rather on political preference, however obtained. And since all the Baltic States contain large German minorities, an example of what a determined German minority with the backing of Great Germany can do provides them food for thought.

MEMEL, Europe's nagging tooth

by
**EMRYS
JONES**

TURN your eyes to that strip of territory called Memelland that adjoins East Prussia, whose coast is washed by the Baltic Sea, whose people were, until this week, in Lithuania, and whose heart is in Germany.

Note the clean, red-brick cobble-stoned town of Memel itself, and see what a fine jumping-off ground it is as a base for any nation whose ambition it is to make a dive up the Baltic.

Turn your eyes to Memel, because it's like a troublesome tooth—you never know when it's going to start aching.

Hitler and Chamberlain had some words about it when the British Prime Minister met the Fuehrer in Germany during the crisis last year.

Before we investigate that, consider the story of Memel—consider it, because Memel was the result of a smash-and-grab raid, following by another smashing and grabbing that salve to Lithuania and autonomy for Memelland.

Really this decision was to

salve the consciences of the Allies, who had permitted the

Poles under Pilsudski to grab

the Lithuanian capital of Vilna.

Name Changed

THE Lithuanians began by assaulting the feelings of the Memellanders who were German, by changing the name of the German town from Memel to Klaipeda on the railway stations and destroying monuments that reminded the Memellanders of their German background.

However, there was no big cry then to return to the arms of Germany, for that was back in 1923, when a minor agitator called Adolf Hitler was just beginning to raise the storm in far-away Munich.

Soon after the agitator had become master of Germany in 1933, the German Memellander turned their eyes to the Third Reich, Propaganda and racial feeling started

the tooth aching, and from time to time the twinges were felt all over Europe.

The movement for incorporation in the Third Reich began to gather momentum, till in 1934 Lithuanian troops swarmed into Memelland, arrested leaders and a hundred other prominent German citizens.

The Lithuanians held a trial in Kaunes, accused them of plotting to restore Memelland to the realm of Adolf Hitler. They sentenced four men to death, sent nearly a hundred when Lithuania signed the long terms of imprisonment.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichy



Your neck is too long for the new coiffure, but I think our Mr. Hitler can fix that!

I Asked Hitler Questions

Fifth Day In The Series of Questions and Answers from an unexpurgated Edition of "Moin Kampf".

Q. Why did you choose the swastika?

A. "The new flag had to be just as much a symbol of our own struggle as of great advertising effectiveness. Anybody who has much to do with the masses sees great importance in these apparent trivialities. An effective badge can in hundreds of thousands of cases awake the first interest in a movement." (p. 555.)

"As National-Socialists we see our programme in our flag. In the red we see the social idea of the nationalistic; in the swastika the mission of the struggle for the victory of the Aryan man." (p. 557.)



Q. What is your view of Freemasonry?

A. "To strengthen his political position the Jew tries to tear down racial and political barriers which at first still hamper his steps. For this purpose he fights for religious tolerance with all the toughness peculiar to him, and has found an excellent instrument for the championship of his cause in Freemasonry, which has completely fallen prey to him."

"Governing circles and the higher grades of the political and business bourgeoisie fall into his share through masonic strings, without their realising it." (p. 345.)

The work which Freemasonry begins in so-called intellectual circles to further the pacifistic longing of the drive for national self-preservation is passed on to the broad masses by the activity of its great Press to-day always Jewish." (p. 351.)



Q. What is the fundamental difference between Nazism and Communism?

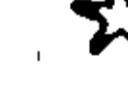
A. "By its categorical rejection of personality and thus of the nation and its racial content Marxism destroys the elementary basis of all human culture which is dependent just on these factors. This is the real inner kernel of Marxist philosophy... With the destruction of personality and race falls the important obstacle to the domination of the inferior type—and this is the Jew..."

"So arises a pure workers' movement under Jewish leadership, pretending to better the condition of the worker, but in reality aiming at the enslavement and destruction of all non-Jewish peoples." (p. 351.)

"The (Nazi) movement must promote respect of the person with all means. It must never forget that in individual worth lies the worth of everything human, that every idea and every achievement is the result of the creative power of a man." (p. 357.)

"The nationalist point of view... does not only envisage the different worth of races, but also the different worth of individual men." (p. 421.)

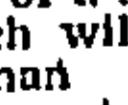
"The fundamental difference between nationalist philosophy and Marxism is that nationalist philosophy does not recognise only the value of the individual, and makes him the foundation of its whole structure." (p. 501.)



Q. Many say you are taking risks in Europe. Do you believe in taking risks?

A. "Lack of will... hinders every decision connected with risk, as if the magnitude of a deed did not consist in its riskiness."

"He who first demands from fate the guarantee of success, thereby renounces the very importance of an heroic deed. For an heroic deed lies in the fact that although convinced of the danger of a situation, you take the step which will perhaps lead to success. A man sick with cancer... does not want to reckon on fifty-one per cent certainty before risking an operation." (p. 463.)



Q. Do you think it would be a better world if Germany ran it entirely?

A. "If the German people throughout its historical development had possessed the herd-like unity which helped other peoples, the German Reich to-day would be mistress of the world."

"World history would then have taken another course, and no man is in a position to decide whether the very thing that so many dizzied pacifists are to-day hoping to bring by whining and whimpering, peace, would not have come about in this way."

A peace supported not on the hand-wringing of tearful pacifistic wallowing women, but by the victorious sword of a master people which takes the world into the service of a higher culture." (p. 438.)

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Anti-Nazi Bloc

Hopes Of Conference Improve

London, Mar. 23. The prospects of a very early conference of the anti-aggression Powers improved late last night, according to political circles, as a result of the discussions between Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, and M. Bonnet and M. Charles Corbin, French Ambassador to Great Britain.

It is now considered likely that the British plan for an immediate anti-aggression declaration will be superseded by consultations either in London or Paris, possibly as early as this week-end, along the lines proposed originally via Russia.

There are no reliable indications as to who will attend the conference, but political circles believe the conference will possibly be extended beyond Britain, France, Russia, Poland, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Rumania. An invitation may also be sent to the Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

The object would be to build up an impressive list of Powers prepared to stand together for the maintenance of peace.—United Press.

Hint to Germany

Warsaw, Mar. 23. What is interpreted here as a hint to Germany that Poland will consider extension of German influence in Lithuania beyond Memel as conflicting with Polish interests, is contained in a statement by official quarters emphasising that Poland considers the Baltic region to be a region where her direct interests are concerned.—Reuter.

Treaty with Slovakia

Berlin, Mar. 23. The treaty between the Reich Government and the Slovak Government, it is understood, was signed at 12.40 p.m. at the Foreign Office in Berlin. The German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, signed for Germany, while the Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, and the Foreign Minister, M. Durcansky, signed for Slovakia.

The contents of the treaty will be published to-night.—Trans-Ocean.

Worry Over Delay

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Neville Chamberlain is expected to make a short statement in the Commons this afternoon indicating the negotiations for promotion of the anti-aggression front still proceeding, but it is doubtful whether he will give much positive information.

It is known that members of all parties view with concern the passage of time since Czechoslovakia was annexed which has failed to produce any concrete signs of a definite stand being taken, also the impatient delay while diplomats are arguing whether to issue a declaration and then hold a conference or vice versa.

At present the indications are that the Government will not grant permission for a debate on foreign affairs at least until Monday.

A deputation of Labour trade union leaders will visit Mr. Chamberlain at Downing Street this morning and urge him to make no reservations on the issue of giving support to those countries which are prepared to make a stand against aggression.—United Press.

Terms of Agreement

London, Mar. 23. The Daily Telegraph diplomatic writer states, "Mr. Chamberlain and M. Bonnet are understood to have exchanged written memorandum placing on record the verbal agreement which they are believed to have reached at the end of January. This was, in effect, that France would give unreserved support to Britain if the latter regarded German attack on the Low Countries, including Holland, as a threat to Britain. On the other hand Britain undertook similar pledges towards France in respect of German attacks on Switzerland or other areas of vital interest to France."—United Press.

HUNGARY INVADES SLOVAKIA

Vienna, Mar. 23. Political quarters in Bratislava reported that at 8 a.m. to-day Berlin time regular Hungarian troops crossed the frontier into Slovakia near Sobrance and advanced in the direction of Michalovce, occupying several villages on the way. Shortly after 10.30 a.m., Berlin time, other Slovak frontier villages were occupied by regular Hungarian troops advancing on Michalovce from various directions.

So far no resistance has been offered to the Hungarian troops, but the Slovak Defence Minister announced this forenoon that Hungarian Guards have been mobilised and that bombing planes will be used against the advancing Hungarian troops. In addition, all Czech troops still in garrison have been ordered to oppose the advance of Hungarian troops.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER IN MEMEL

Tremendous Welcome: Speech To Populace

Memel, Mar. 23. Herr Hitler landed from the cruiser Deutschland shortly after 9.30 a.m., G.M.T., and drove to Theatre Square where German troops were drawn up and a crowd waited. All offices and shops were closed. The German troops from East Prussia reached Memel city shortly after 7 a.m. in the sun shining, though snow and ice covered the streets. Many people had flocked into town from the country and large crowds cheered heartily.

German cruisers, destroyers, minesweepers and submarines arrived in Memel ahead of the Deutschland.—Reuter.

Hearty Welcome

Berlin, Mar. 23. Punctually at 5 a.m. German troops started to march into Memel land from East Prussia.

The Memel Nazi Storm Troopers and hundreds of civilians greeted the incoming troops. As they moved on through Memel territory, every village hoisted swastika flags and hundreds came out of their homes to watch.—Reuter.

Hitler's Address

Memel, Mar. 23. Addressing the Memellanders, Herr Hitler said he was pleased to receive them back to the Reich.

"I lead you back to the Fatherland which you did not forget and which has not forgotten you. You were abandoned by a weak Germany and you returned to a Germany which is strong and ready to make its own destiny. Even if it is not liked by the rest of the world, this new Germany includes over 80,000,000 people."

"Our unity will never break as under no other Power shall break it. Twenty years of sorrow and distress will be lessened. We know what we may expect from others. We do not want to harm anyone, but we will not tolerate any harm done to us. Now we have substantially reached the end of reparations. I greet you as old German racial members and the youngest citizens of the Great German Reich."

Herr spoke for eight minutes.—Reuter.

Port Arrangements

Memel, Mar. 22. A new "Memel Port Company" will be founded to manage and to supervise the freeport awarded Lithuania. All Lithuanian property in the Memel port which has been transferred to the Reich will be placed in the hands of the new company. An agreement will provide that the German port administration will lease for a period of 60 years the use of water and land facilities of the new company, which in return is obliged to finance port facilities at the disposal of general traffic for all requirements.

Port duties will be collected by the new company, which also will be granted for-reaching allowances in taxation matters.

The free-areas are still to be defined and customs control will be established at the frontiers of the free-zones. Germany will retain sovereign rights over all leased territory and free-zones.

The questions arising in connection with the Lithuanian ships registered at Memel will be regulated between the two authorities.—Reuter.

Treaty With Lithuania

Berlin, Mar. 23. The treaty reuniting the Memel district with the Reich was signed here at midnight by Herr von Ribbentrop and M. Ursics, Foreign Minister of Lithuania.

A communiqué states that the two countries undertake never to resort to force against each other, nor support the use of force by a third party against one of the two partners.—Reuter.

Lithuanians Arrested

Kaunas, Mar. 22. A number of Lithuanians are reported to have been arrested by the Nazis in Memel.—Reuter.

Paris Nervous

Paris, Mar. 23. The press generally sees a threat to Poland in the German occupation of Memel. Le Petit Journal urges in order to avoid the encirclement of Poland that Paris and London should promote the re-grouping around Warsaw of all the Baltic States threatened by Germany.

Hannover states that the independence of Poland and Rumania can be saved, but only by a collective effort by the countries threatened by the Hitler push, and collaboration of these countries with the democratic Powers.—Reuter.

British Attacked

Berlin, Mar. 23. The jubilation of the press over the return of Memel is interspersed with attacks on Sir Samuel Hoare for his reference in the House of Commons to an "ultimatum to Lithuania." Such an ultimatum is flatly denied.

The Hamburger Fremdenblatt writes that the path of victory or right and order is paved with British protest, and warns Poland against following Britain.—Reuter Special.

Spelling Bee

How many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others? guillotine liquidation fluxable English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

Labour Problem In Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 23. Mr. Hiroshi Shimomura, of the Kenkyukai, pointed out in the House of Peers this morning that when the China Incident has been concluded, able-bodied men would return to farming villages and cause a surplus of labour in the country.

Advising that the excessive labour should be exported to the Continent, especially to Manchukuo, he asked the Government as to a policy of co-ordinating agricultural developments between Japan, Manchukuo and China.

Agriculture and Forestry Minister Sakuruchi admitted the inevitability of an eventual surplus of labour, and said that adequate measures would be taken to immigrate agricultural labour to Manchuria and North China.—Domei.

Britain

The Lebruns Busy Time In London

London, Mar. 22. Both Houses of Parliament greeted the President of the French Republic and Madame Lebrun at an impressive ceremony in Westminster Hall. After a formal reception the distinguished visitors took their seats on chairs at the top of the first flight of steps facing the members of the Lords and Commons with their ladies seated to the left and right of them in the body of the hall.

The Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers occupied the front row of seats. After the playing of the Marseillaise, the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker of the House of Commons read an address of welcome from both Houses and the President replied.

The ceremony ended with the playing of the Marseillaise and the National Anthem.

Before leaving the President and Madame Lebrun visited the Chambers of both Houses and were entertained by the House of Lords in the Royal Gallery.

Before returning to Buckingham Palace a visit was paid to the Unknown Warrior's grave in Westminster Abbey, where the President laid a wreath.

The President and Madame Lebrun will visit No. 10 Downing Street this evening to pay an informal call on Mrs. Chamberlain.—Reuter Bulletin.

Visit to Tomb

London, Mar. 23. President and Madame Lebrun drove to St. George's Chapel to visit the new tomb of King George V and departed for London at 3.30 p.m.

At 5 p.m. they attended a reception at the National Gallery by the United Association of France and Britain.—United Press.

Dines At Foreign Office

London, Mar. 23. Before leaving the Royal borough of Windsor, President Lebrun received an address from the Mayor.

A reception will be given by the United Association to President and Madame Lebrun who are dining at the Foreign Office to-night.—British Wireless.

Philippines

Consular Disagreement Hinted

Manila, Mar. 23. The possibility of a disagreement between the United States High Commissioner, Mr. Paul McNutt, and the German Consul-General, Herr G. Sankowsky, is a foreseen pending clarification of the status of the Czech Consulate.

Herr Sankowsky yesterday told the Press that he had not asked Mr. McNutt to recognise him as Czech Consul but that he would "act for the Czech-Slovak Government in accordance with instructions from Berlin," despite the United States non-recognition of the absorption of Bohemia and Moravia.

Possibly in response to Herr Sankowsky's remarks, Mr. McNutt

Peiping Government And Economic Control

Peking, Mar. 23. The agenda of the Provisional Government's economic mission to China, which is leaving to-morrow, reveals that the mission is practically inviting the Japanese Government to take control of all economic affairs in China.

Trade problems to be discussed will be first, Customs duties on imported rayon, semi-silk and semi-woollen manufactures, electrical machinery, locomotives, agricultural machinery, sea products and fertilisers; second, the standard for assessing Customs rates—the agenda hopes the duties will be made the same as those in Manchukuo, with wool duty-free and coal and charcoal duty as small a duty as in Manchukuo; third, reduction or abolition of the import tariff for South China products such as tung oil, which are not produced in North China, but the flour tariff to be kept high to promote production in North China; and fourth, abolition of the Customs gold unit which shall be replaced by Central Reserve Bank notes.

The import of daily necessities for the masses in North China will also be discussed; the necessities listed including all types of machinery, fertilisers, bnts, underwear, perfumes, and drugs.

The agenda hopes that Japanese traders will handle the exports to third countries "since the Chinese merchants are not accustomed to such business."

Imports of Japanese goods are to be speeded up through enlargement of Tungku Harbour and an increase in the number of vessels plying between China and Japan. The Japanese are also asked to supply technical supervision for Chinese owned factories and to help investigate new markets.

The agenda emphasises the need for industrial co-operation and asks for Japanese technicians and capital to help increase the production of cotton, wheat, tobacco, rice and livestock, and open Chinese mines with the exception of those already "controlled."—United Press.

Italy

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY KING

Victor Emanuel Makes Friendly Gesture

Rome, Mar. 23. The King in a speech inaugurating the new Chamber of Fascists and corporations this morning revealed that the Government in a note to the French Government on December 17 laid down the points of difference dividing the countries at that moment.

Referring to Britain, the King said that it has been possible to come to an agreement re-creating the situation which the Geneva measures (sanctions) largely compromised. He also mentioned the necessity of continuing and amplifying the armed forces.

Desire for Peace

Rome, Mar. 23. In his speech the King said: "To develop the resources of our Empire, Italy, although not juggling herself in the illusion of perpetuity, desires that peace should last as long as possible. With this aim—of peace for us and for all—our armed forces must be oriented. Much has been done, but much more must be done, because our armaments regarding both quantity and quality both in the air and sea should not be inferior to others. As for men Italy has no preoccupation, and as for their morale she can be proud of them.

The exceptional expenses sustained by the war in Spain and the war in Africa have imposed extraordinary efforts on the State's finances. This exceptional finance is in relation to an equally exceptional period of our history and that of Europe.

"I have greatly appreciated the efforts of my Government and all economic organisations which have accomplished and are accomplishing to reach the maximum possibilities of economic independence—a condition which is a sine qua non of this policy."—United Press.

No Peace Yet

Rome, Mar. 23. The King concluded his speech by saying that Europe had not yet found peace. This had been proved by the collapse of certain artificial and political structures erected after the world war.

They were living in difficult times which shaped the character of the peoples, he said, hence there could be no doubt about the future of the Italian peoples. Italy has been steeled in war and, thanks to its national solidarity, will accomplish the tasks set before it.—Trans-Ocean.

PARIS REACTION

Paris, Mar. 23. Authoritative circles are somewhat puzzled by King Victor Emanuel's speech. It is pointed out that the Italian note of December 17 did not contain precise demands.

A message from Rome states that the King's reference to the note to France concerns repudiation by Italy of the 1935 Franco-Italian Treaty.

News of the repudiation became known in Paris on December 22. An impression prevails in Italian political circles that some effort by Britain and France to show that bygones must be bygones is of paramount urgency.

The friendliness reference to Britain, and the absence of feeling of bitterness with regard to France is felt significant.

The sobriety of the reference to the Rome-Berlin axis is also marked.

"The King's reticence cannot fail to arouse notice in Berlin and elsewhere," remarked an Italian listener.

Reuter.

told the Press: "The German Consul has apparently forgotten that recognition of even his status as Consul for Germany depends on the United States Government."

It is not known whether any official correspondence has been exchanged with regard to this situation.—United Press.

CONTINENTAL

The Sturdy Portable

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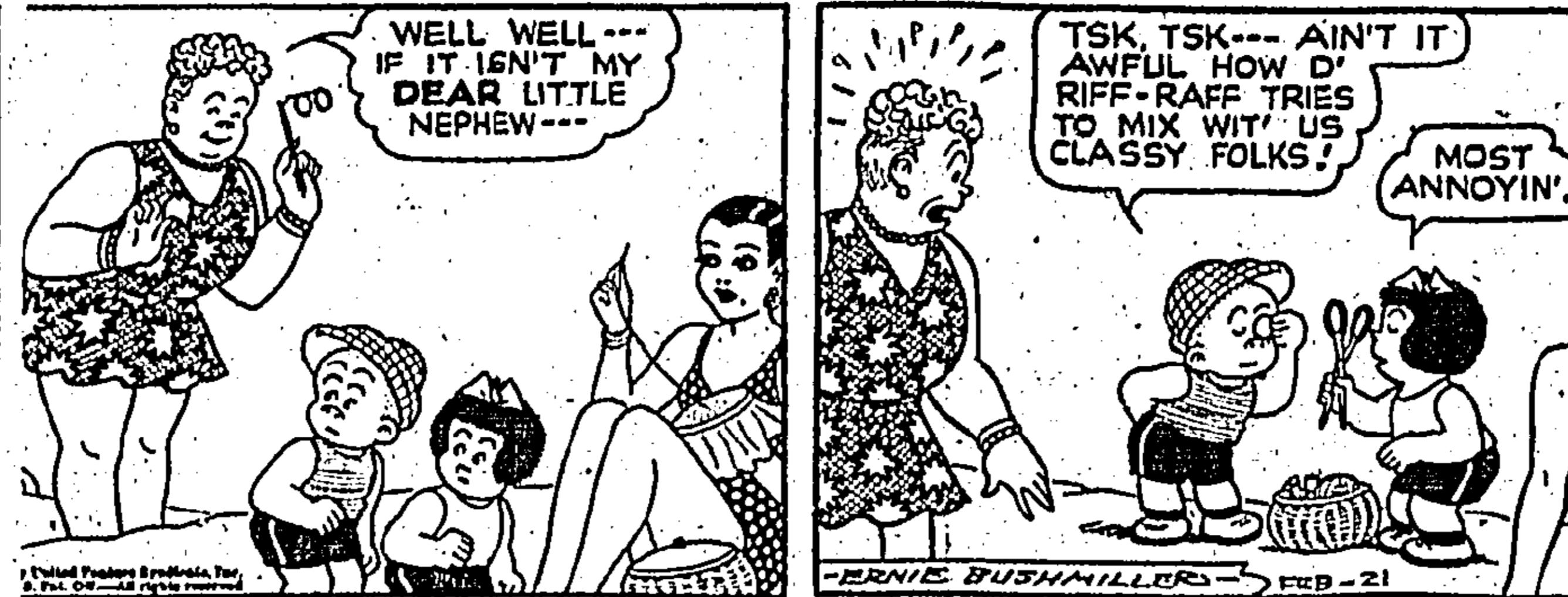
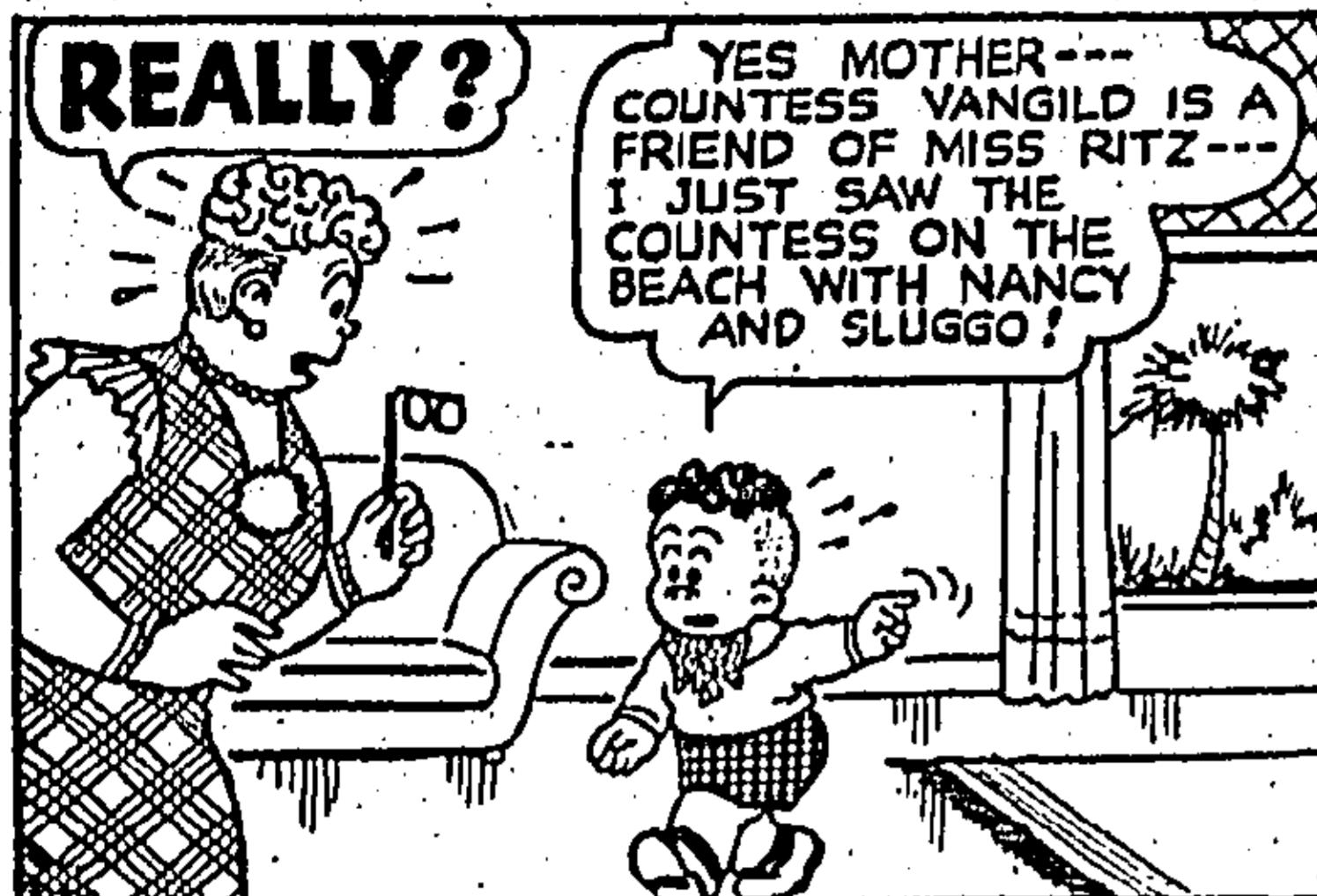
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Satisfactory Entries For Fanling Meet

Special Dollar Sweep On St. John Cup Race The Main Attraction

(By "Captain Foster")

Very good entries have been received for the Spring Meeting, which will be the last of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on Sunday. The St. John Cup, which is a handicap flat event for "D" class China ponies, is the main event.

In connection with the major contest, a special dollar cash sweep is being conducted by the race club and the cost of a book of ten tickets is \$10 which can be obtained at the Secretaries' Office, Hongkong Bank Building, or the Cash Sweep Department, 18 Connaught Road Central.

There will be no more hurdling and steeplechasing after Sunday, but it must be admitted that the season 1938/1939 has been a very successful one and the Stewards of the Fanling Club are to be complimented upon in providing the racing public with plenty of thrills and good sport.

The growing popularity of country racing has been proved by increased attendances at every meeting, but let it be understood that without the flat events, the Kwanti racecourse executives will find a hard proposition to keep their heads above water.

The turnover in both the parl-mutuel and cash sweep departments will no doubt show a considerable advance on last season's figure and this was, no doubt, due to the patronage of the "small man." Without them there will be no racing and it is to be hoped that they will receive a little more consideration for their comfort during next jumping season. Seating accommodation is one of their chronic complaints and I am sure that the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will not turn a deaf ear to this request.

Fanling Club opened their season on Boxing Day and in that meeting there were a few spills owing to the fact that the ponies did not receive proper schooling. There is no doubt, however, that the chasers and hurdlers are now clearing the obstacles without any trouble and I have reason to believe that a big crowd will be motoring out to see the last meeting, the first event being timed to run off at 2.45 p.m. sharp.

BAN ON WINNERS SHOULD PROVIDE A SPLENDID RACE

The opening event will be the Shataukok Handicap, which is a steeplechase for China ponies over 1½ miles and the ban on winners has precluded the entry of Diogenes and Ebony Idol. Judging by the allotment of lead, it looks as if we shall see a fine race provided of course that all the jockeys can draw the proper weight. It was an eye-sore at every meeting to see ponies weighing out with a colossal extra burden of the lead and surely it was not fair to the official handicapper who had to use his wit in adjusting the poundage. However, Zero is at the top of the tree among the list of entries, but I am afraid that he may not last the distance of 1½ miles.

MAIN RACE WILL HAVE BIG PRIZE

Chief interest will be centred on the St. John Cup, a handicap for "D" class China ponies and the run is over a mile. Last year the St. John Cup was a handicap hurdle event and the winner, Clowner, presented the lucky drawer of ticket No. 21503 with a first prize of \$14,092.57 for a dollar chance. It is not possible to predict what the first prize will be worth on Sunday, but I understand that it will be much more than last year's sum. Royal Highness holds the post of honour with 103 lbs. and the mare has something to think about when she gets on the Kwanti racecourse. When they clashed in the Oldtimers' Handicap at Fanling not very long ago, the winner (Royal Highness) conceded 31 lbs. to the second pony (Plain View) whereon Sunday the latter has a pull of 10 lbs. for the benefit of length and one has, therefore, to consider the chance of Plain View. Flyby-night has not much lead to worry and I like him on account of his performance in the Jockey Cup at the big meeting. Ebony Idol, the winner of Fanling Blue Riband, looks tempting at only 147 lbs. and so does Emergency Call with an impost of 143 lbs.

HOBART PLATE

In the Hobart Plate for Australian ponies of this season (imported by the senior club) over six furlongs, the order of finish should be in my estimation, Bruno, Afrean Diamond and Schmetterling.

SUBS' SCURRY

The Subs' Scurry over half a mile for China ponies, subscription grille, will be an interesting affair for there are 13 entries. The probable should be between Avalon, National Service and Schmetterling.



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CYLCLING CLUB EVENTS Invitation Handicap Run Over Kowloon Course

The open hill-climb, arranged by the Hongkong Cycling Club, on Sunday, March 20, has been cancelled, owing to lack of entries.

The Club has arranged an Invitation Handicap, 50 miles, over the Kowloon circuit course, on Sunday, April 10, to which the leading Colony cyclists will be invited. Awards for the first, second and third handicap places have been kindly donated by Messrs. R. H. McDowell and P. Stanley.

Even Fight For Brisbane H'cap

With Brutus, Stratherrick and Teviotdale out of the road, I expect to see a good field for the Brisbane Handicap, a steeplechase over 1½ miles. A good tussle over the birch and brush will result between Glorious Star, Spark Plug, Spectrum and Streamline. Spectrum is my fancy.

Cricket Selections For League

The following will represent the Craigengower C.C. in League cricket matches against the Hongkong C.C. to-morrow:

1st XI (away).—E. Zimmerman (Capt.), A. Zimmerman, F. R. Zimmerman, D. Hung, W. L. Rapley, W. Hong Sling, A. K. Ismail, A.R.H. Esmail, G. Souza, P. J. Billimoria and A. B. Hamson.

2nd XI (home).—B. R. Irance (Capt.), J. L. Young Saye, A. M. Onar, G. Winch, H. P. Lim, C. W. Lam, W. K. Way, T. Locke, N. Broadbridge, U. Esmail and M. C. Hung.

and Patriotic Day and I expect to see them crossing the wire in that position.

SELECTIONS MADE BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

My selections are as follows:

SHATAUKOK HANDICAP

Three Farthings
Zero
Double Chance

DRAG HUNTERS' PLATE

March Brown
King's Parade
Clowner

BRISBANE HANDICAP

Spectrum
Spark Plug
Streamline

ST. JOHN CUP

Flyby-night
Plain View
Royal Highness

HOBART PLATE

Bruno
African Diamond
Schmetterling

SUBS' SCURRY

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BILLIARDS LEAGUE CONCLUDES

The Steel Coulson Billiards, Snooker and Darts League were successfully concluded on March 20, when the Craigengower Cricket Club and the Garrison Sergeant's Mess, played-off for runners-up position of the Billiards Section. The Craigengower C.C. won with the following scores:

C.C.C.	G. S. Mess
Leonard	150 Gill
Lewis	150 Brittlebank
Kitchell	150 Carden
Highest break, Lewis 55.	

The combined Leagues proved most popular, and the thanks of the organisers are due to all teams for the ready manner in which fixtures have been played.

Silver Challenge cups and prizes are being awarded to the winners and runners-up in each Section, with special awards to the following players:

Billiards.—Lewis (C.C.C.) break 55; Rakusen (C.S.C.C.) break 50. Snooker.—Leonard (C.C.C.), Plithman (G.S.M.) and Brown (C.P.O.R.C.) break 22.

Darts.—Highest game finish, Sabey (P.R.C.) 116; Highest score, Marvin (R.N.Y.P.) 141.

The annual Steel Coulson dance and presentation of trophies and prizes will be held at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Saturday, April 15. Admission by invitation only.

The final League Tables were as follow:

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
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Civil Service C.C.	12	11	1	30	6	30
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Craigengower C.C.	12	8	4	21	12	21
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Garrison Sergts.	12	9	3	21	15	21
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Chief & Petty	12	9	3	21	15	21
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Police R.C.	12	8	5	20	12	20
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Royal Naval C. C.	12	3	9	15	12	15
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N.M. S. Officers	12	8	5	20	12	20
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Imperial Cafe	7	2	5	10	10	16
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Navy	7	4	4	15	14	16
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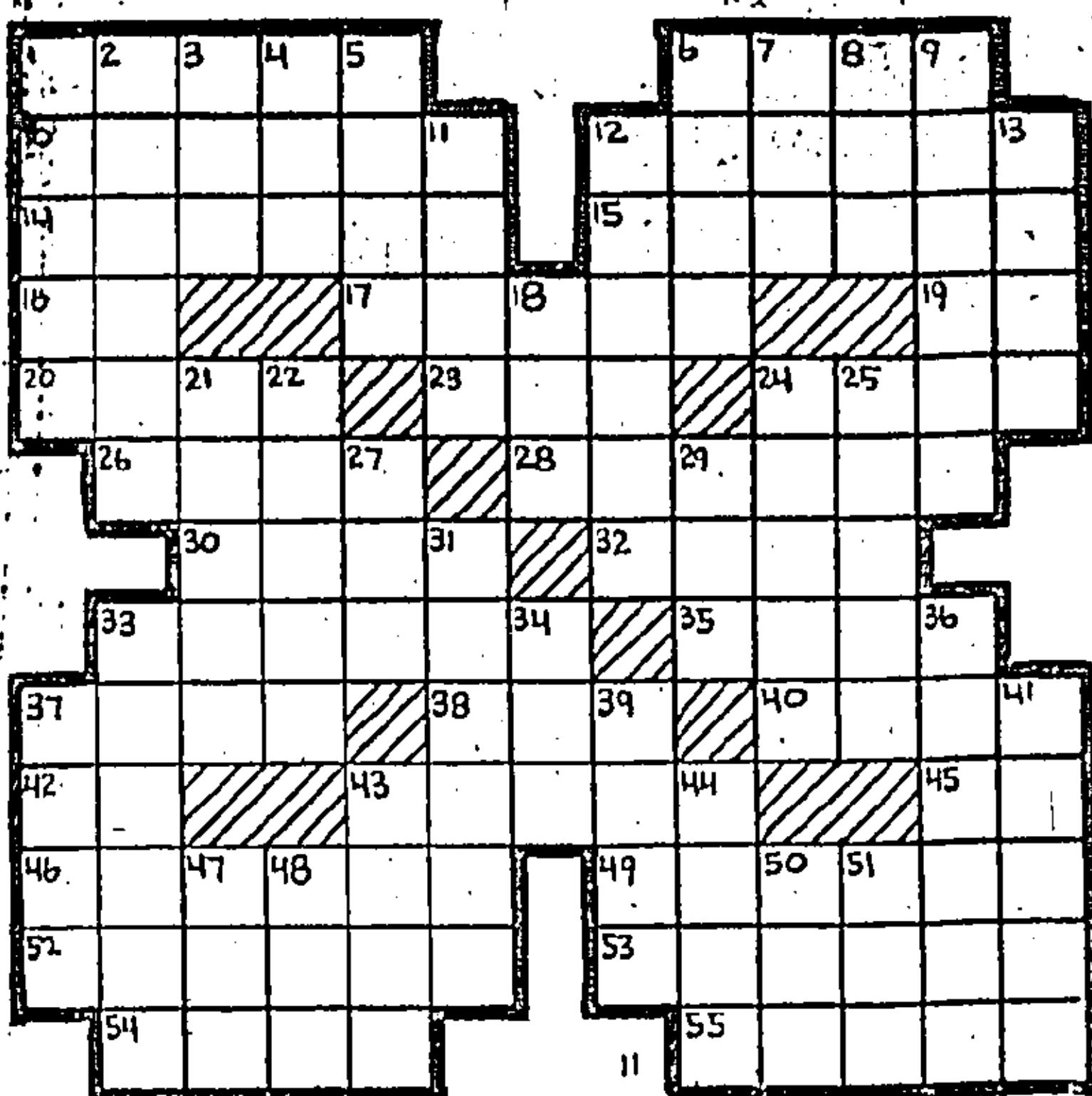
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

A VARIOUS PUZZLE

1-Across	1-Before
2-Toto's wife	2-Three miles
3-Johnny	3-Held (French)
4-Gordon	4-Tire-spool
5-Magician's word for	5-Sheep
10-Pave of the 18th.	6-Poisonously
11-Amidst	7-Convulsively
12-Name of an em-	8-Over-decorated
13-Diana	9-Others
14-Prance	10-Precious experience
15-Neck	11-Interest
16-Watering place	12-Fairness
17-Fairy	13-Legs
18-Numbers	14-Pains
19-Mental science	15-Headpiece
20-Signing dot	16-Removed from office
21-Appreciate	17-Heavy liquid
22-Highway	18-Sympathetic
23-Flower	19-Nitro
24-Knotty, suitable	20-Relaxed
25-Emperor of India	21-Obtained tone on
26-Senator of Idaho	22-lute
27-LADY	23-Secret agent
28-Union of Socialist	24-Trembling
29-Soviet Republics	25-Pertaining to spring
30-Placid	
31-Planted	



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THE STORY BEHIND THE FROCK

FASHIONS have never been greater fun than they are this spring. In the evening we are all going in for fancy dress, and, what is more, we are getting used to it; in the daytime we swing along in little-girl frocks, so gay and youthful, with their wide skirts and closely-fitting little bodices.

Funny part of it—most of our little-girl frocks are a type of fancy dress, too.

Don't misunderstand me, by fancy dress I don't mean anything extraordinary or only fit for costume dances. For the true interpretation of the term "fancy dress" is really a style which has made history in the past but which has now gone out of fashion.

But this season many period styles are highlights of fashion again.

MOST popular daytime fashions of the moment, as you know, are modifications of the various picturesque peasant styles worn in parts of Normandy, Brittany, Italy and in Central Europe generally.

And I can't help thinking that all the little peasant girls who still keep to their traditional costume must be very proud to think that smart women are copying their frocks to-day.

LOOK, for instance, at the charming peasant frock shown in the sketch and compare it with the original peasant style shown in the background. Haven't they many points in common?

And hasn't the modern designer given a touch of modern sophistication to his interpretation of a simple peasant gown?

The dress is in a beautifully soft angora fabric.

THE other frock is most becoming, graceful and unique. The style is a craze of the moment in the States. It is cut all in one with a belt at the waist to regulate the fullness, and a modified cowl neckline.

You can see its inspiration in the background—the habit of a monk.

Very popular this Spring are lovely print frocks in an all-over floral design, and in the most glorious colourings.

SHORT CUTS

The flesh of fish will remain white and firm in boiling if a tablespoon of vinegar is added to the water.

Do not use abrasives in cleaning the refrigerator. Use mild soap and warm water. A solution of bicarbonate of soda in warm water will sweeten the atmosphere inside the box.

Useful Hints

To prevent lumps in gravy, add a pinch of salt to the flour used for thickening before mixing it with water.

When scrambling eggs, add a little dry, ready-to-serve cereal to the batter for larger portions and an improved flavour.

Place a Turkish towel over the table end of the sewing machine when sewing on silk material. It will keep the silk from slipping.

BEE'S GET BEACH VACATION

Sydney, Australia.—Senseless vacations for overworked bees have been adopted in Australia. As a result of dry conditions which caused the collapse of some apicultures, millions of bees are now being transferred to the seaside at Rosebud for recuperation. They seem to enjoy the seaside air.



You can see the story behind these two frocks in their actual background. The one on the left is one of the fashionable peasant styles, with a two-colour contrast on the bodice. The one on the right is of monkish inspiration. Both are typically 1939. (Selfridge.)

Children Who Look Too Far Ahead

THERE are many children in our schools and nurseries who get little pleasure from what they are doing at the moment because of too great an anticipation of what lies ahead. Something went wrong evidently with the early home training of these young people. Or, perhaps, neither parents or nurses realized that small children can be taught to concentrate.

To arouse the concentrative habit

we must first get a child's interest, and this can only be maintained for a relatively short time with young children. Play usually occupies much of a child's life before he is of school age and here, unless we provide too many toys, is an opportunity of getting a child to stick to one game at a time without worrying about what he is going to play afterwards.

When they have learnt this excellent habit they can concentrate on the next activity.

the teachers know of future movements of the child. Frequently a child's work deteriorates immediately he hears that he is leaving his present school. Often, quite unconsciously, the child is worried and anxious.

One day, certainly some years ahead, children will of necessity have to arrange fixtures ahead for themselves. But then they should be wiser than they are to-day. Today, we wish them to concentrate on the thing they should be doing at the moment and pay no attention to anything else. Only by this can they get the best out of work and play.

When they have learnt this excellent habit they can concentrate on the next activity.

Tiring of Toys

Perhaps you know a small boy who gets half a dozen toys out of his cupboard, plays with them for a few minutes, then pushes them on one side and returns to his cupboard for more. If you do, take him in hand. Put all the toys away except one he chooses for himself as the favourite, and lock the others away. Then try to become a boy yourself. Get down on the floor and show him the possibilities, still unfathomed by him, which the toy possesses. Perhaps he is tired of building castles with his bricks. Show him how to build a church.

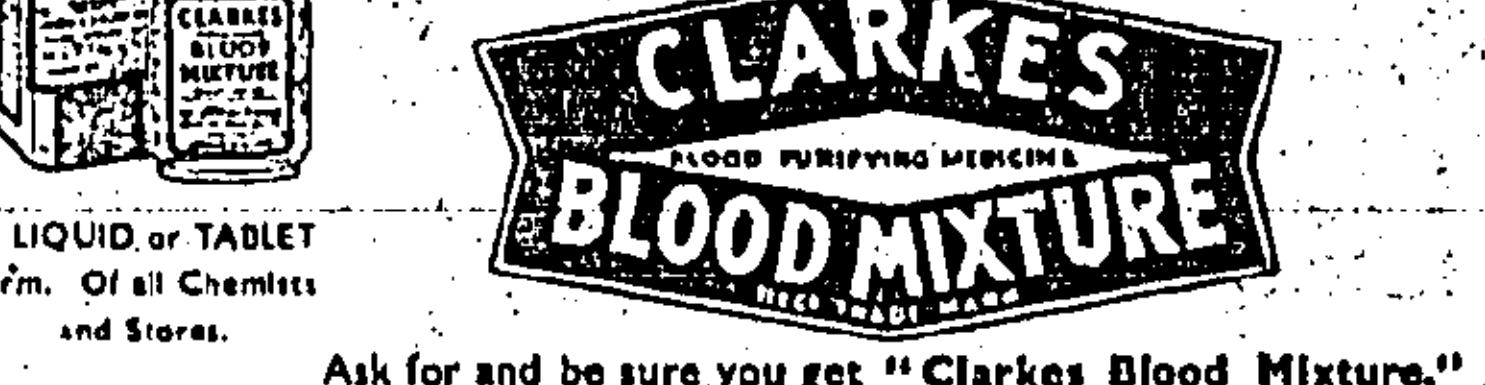
When the church is completed and not before, encourage him to try to construct something else. An inventive child can do wonders with the box of bricks. Most children will need to develop the patience and concentration can be developed when children take a lively interest in their children.

Any child who has acquired the habit of thinking of what he is doing at the moment, who can concentrate on one thing at a time and finish that before asking, "What can I do next?" is almost sure of success in later life.

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LIFEBOAT A MASS OF TANGLED WRECKAGE

SEVEN MEN were drowned when the St. Ives lifeboat capsized off the Cornish coast recently. It had been launched in a terrific sea to go to the aid of an unknown vessel. William Freeman, the only survivor of the crew of eight, was washed ashore. Here is a page of pictures which show the lifeboat, the John and Sarah Eliza Stych, high and dry on the Godrevy Rocks with its hull stove in and its superstructure a mass of tangled wreckage.

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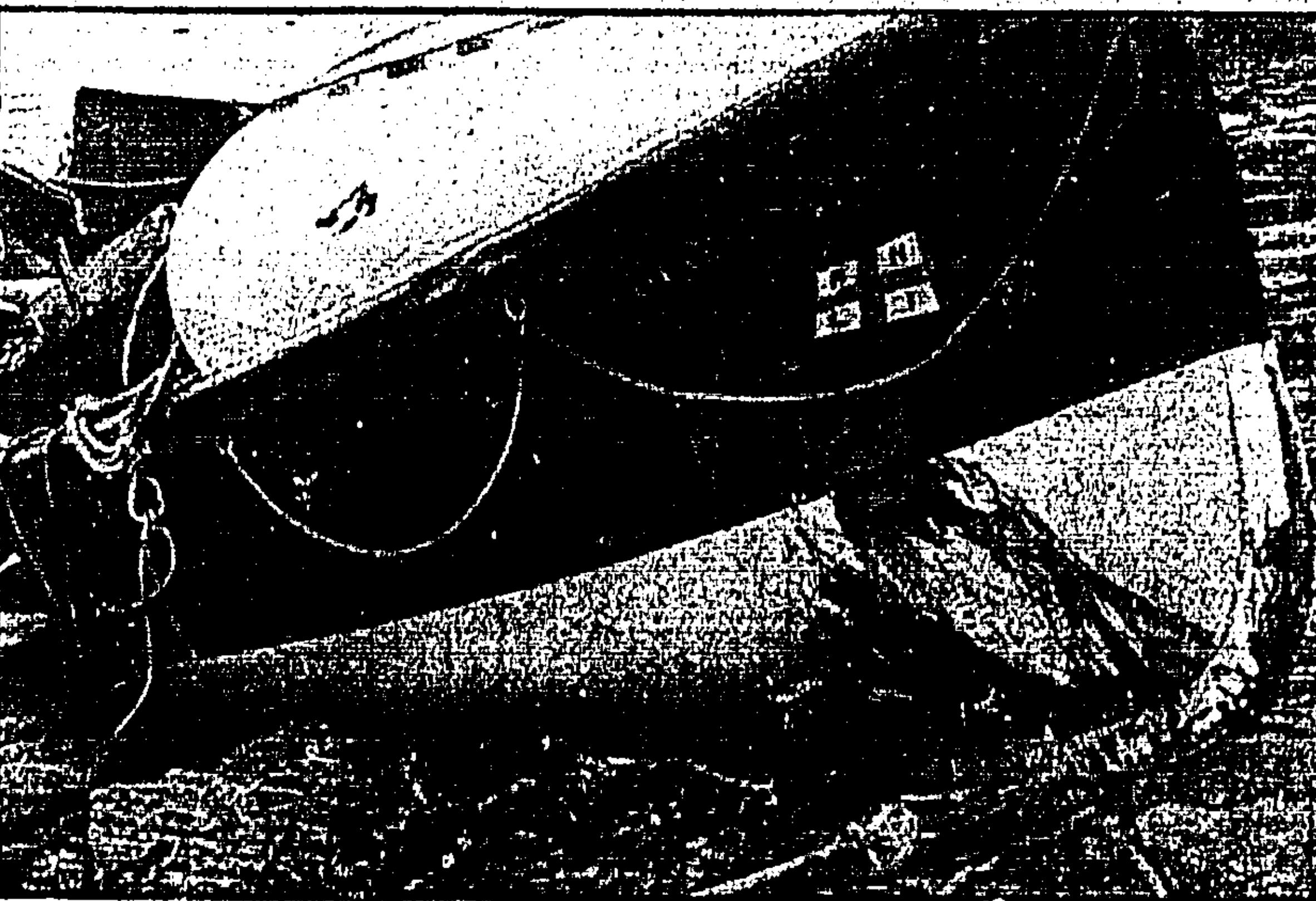
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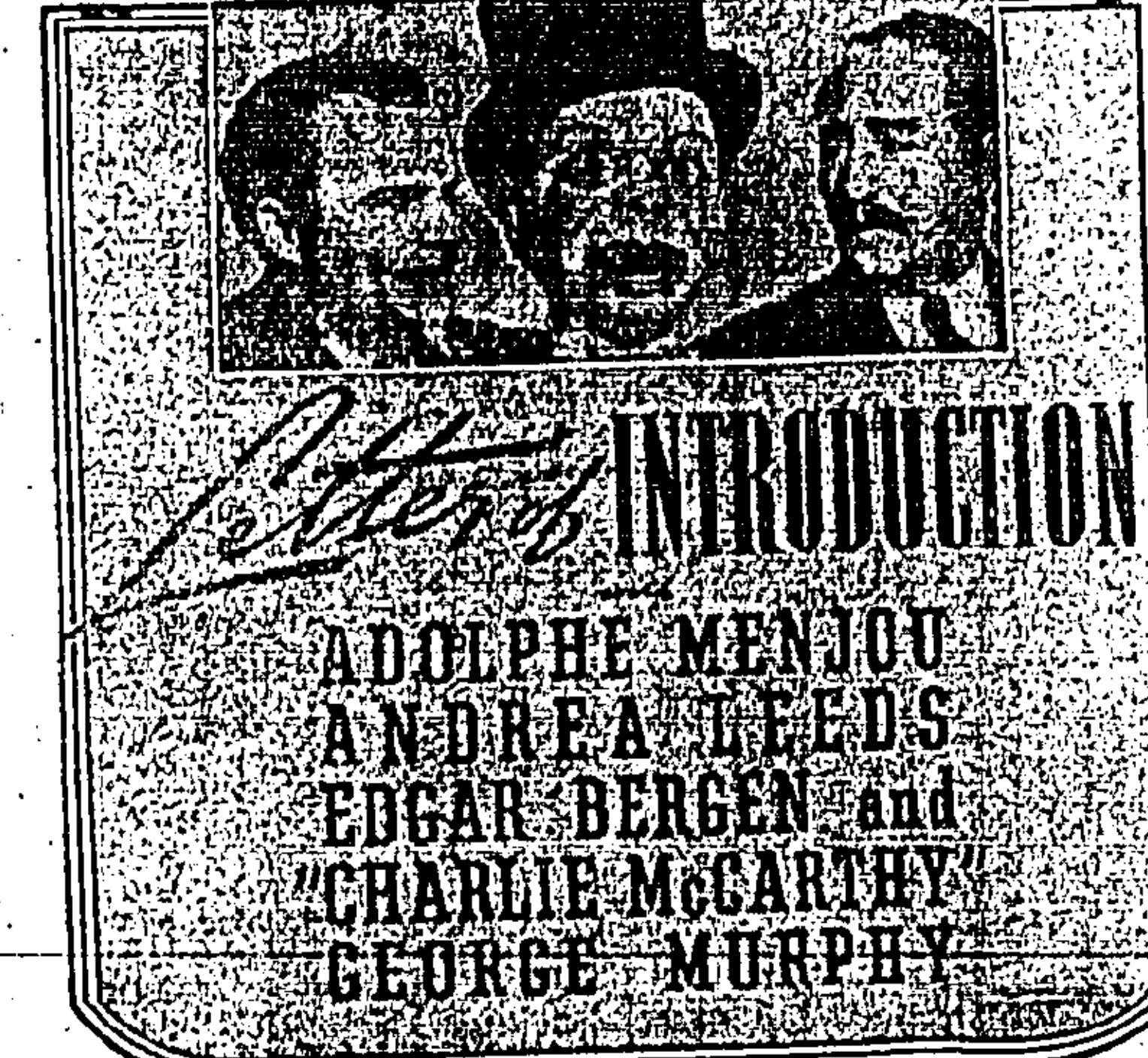
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STRANGE WEATHERRoyal Observatory Report
For Last Year Issued

Unusual features of last year's weather are set out in the report of the Director of the Royal Observatory laid before the Legislative Council yesterday.

The report states the principal features of the weather in 1938 were:

(a) A great deficiency of rainfall, the year being the driest since 1895. The total rainfall for the year amounted to only 55.35 inches against a normal of 65.10 inches, rainfall being below normal in every month of the year except February, March and October.

(b) The prevalence of very warm sunny weather in April and June. In April the duration of sunshine was the highest on record, while in June both the duration of sunshine and the mean temperature were the highest on record.

(c) The unusually early typhoon of May 3. Although the wind never reached gale force in the harbour, the maximum gust of 63 m.p.h. is also a record for the month.

(d) An exceptional immunity from typhoon gales. The only occasion on which the wind velocity exceeded 60 m.p.h. in a gust was during the May typhoon mentioned above.

A synoptic chart of the Far East, on which is also all available information concerning upper winds, is prepared and exhibited in the aerodrome, and a senior officer is available for consultation by departing pilots. An hourly weather report is communicated in Q code directly to incoming planes. A route forecast is also furnished to the pilots of outgoing planes.

On the seismographs 372 earthquakes were recorded, compared with 298 in 1938. The seismograms have been forwarded to the International Seismological Committee, Oxford.

Observations of the upper air by non-pilot balloons were made.

Observations of upper air temperature taken during aeroplane flights have been supplied to the Observatory by the personnel of the Far East Flying Training School, Ltd., and of the Civil Airport, to whom acknowledgements are due.

In acknowledging the receipt of weather information from various sources, the report states that information from Pratins is very valuable.

GAMBLING WITH DICEMoney in Woman's Handbag
Included in Toll

The Poor Box of the Kowloon Magistracy benefited to the extent of \$140.32 yesterday, in consequence of the appearance of 13 women and two men before Mr. Q. A. Macfadyen on charges connected with a gambling raid by the police, or a house, 167 Sai Yeung Choi Street on Wednesday.

On a bill of \$200, one of the women, Chan Kwei-lin, 30, was charged with keeping a common gaming house on the ground floor of 167 Sai Yeung Choi Street. The other defendants, on accounts of gambling, were on bail of \$10.

Acting Detective Sub-Inspector C. Mottram said that the raid was carried out at 4 p.m., and defendants were found playing a game of dice on a long table covered with a cloth and a paper with figures and Chinese characters.

Chin was in charge of the dice, and had in front of her a small basket containing \$6.00. She had a handbag with \$60 inside. Other money picked up on the table totalled \$73.40.

Answering a question put by Mr. Macfadyen concerning the \$30 in Chin's handbag, the prosecuting officer said: The Ordinance provides that any money found on the person of the keeper is to be brought to the notice of a Magistrate.

Mr. Macfadyen then referred to the Ordinance, and remarked that any money found on the person of the keeper could be taken away. His Worship appeared to be in some doubt as to whether the money in the handbag was on the defendant's person, and some amusement was caused when Detective Inspector A. E. Carey, who was in Court declared: "If the handbag was stolen from her, it is larceny from the person."

Chin said that the \$60 was in her handbag merely because that was her usual way of carrying money on her person.

Chin was fined \$75, and the other defendants \$5 each.

Total money, amounting to \$140.32, including the \$60 in Chin's handbag, was ordered to be given to the Poor Box.

**INGENOHL'S
GRAND CORONA****WANCHAI INCIDENT**European Sappers Charged
By Chinese Couple

While he was standing outside his house at Lockhart Road, about 12.15 a.m. on March 18, waiting for his wife to open the door, Yip Ming-chun, alleged that four Europeans challenged him to fight, and he was eventually attacked by them.

Before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, three sappers of the Royal Engineers, W. J. Gardner, D. E. Allison and T. Marney, were charged with having assaulted Yip and his wife.

Yip told the Court that he was outside his house, 168 Lockhart Road, waiting for the door to be opened, when four Europeans, two in plain clothes and two in uniform, approached him. Yip alleged that Marney said, "You want to fight?"

Marney followed, said Yip, and again attempted to kick him, and eventually set upon him, together with the other three men.

Liu Wal-ying, wife of Yip, said that when she opened the door she

Chased and Detained
saw three men striking her husband. She made an effort to separate them, and a fourth man placed his hands over her mouth and struck her mouth with his fist, drawing blood.

When police whistles were blown the Europeans ran, and were followed by her and Yip. When they had chased them to near the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, another European challenged him to fight, and he was eventually attacked by them.

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Mr. F. V. Shatford, Acting Director of Criminal Intelligence (Crino), said he conducted an identification parade at Wellington Barracks on March 20, and third defendant was identified by complainants.

Sub-Inspector R. McEwen said that while he was at Jaffe Road, he heard whistle blown, and on reaching the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Liu told him that she and her husband had been assaulted by some Europeans. She then pointed to first and second defendants, who were standing on a pavement, whom she alleged had taken part in the assault.

The hearing was adjourned to next Tuesday.

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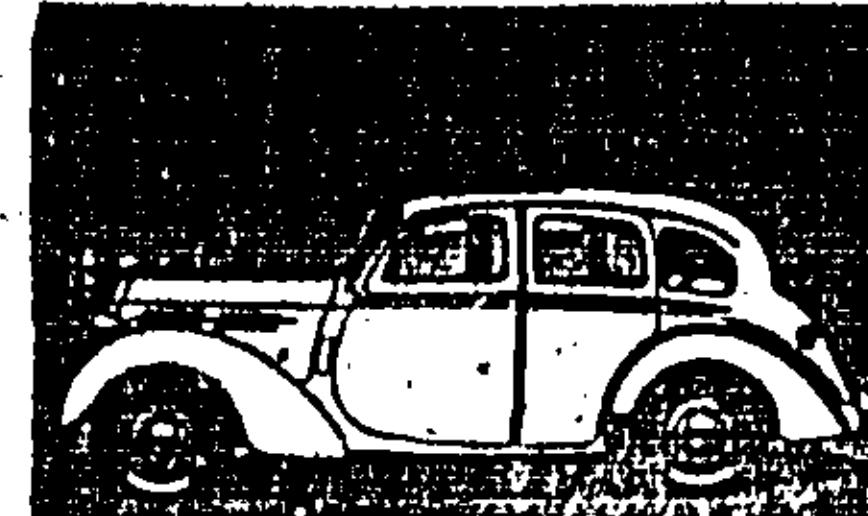
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Slovakia Invaded By Hungarians

FIERCE FIGHTING AS DEFENDERS RESIST



SWITZERLAND, in common with other countries, is busily rearming, and towns which were hitherto known only for their winter sports have now become military centres. This map of Eastern Switzerland shows Pontresina (6,000 feet above sea level) in the Engadine, now officially pronounced to be an alpine garrison. Nearby, at Samaden, a new military aerodrome has been established, 25 miles from the German frontier, and only 15 from the border of Italy.

Premier's Grave Warning

Britain Will Resist Further Aggression

LONDON, Mar. 23. IN A STATEMENT on the international situation made in the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister said that the Government had already made it clear that the German Government's recent actions had raised the question of whether Germany was not seeking, by successive efforts, to dominate Europe, and perhaps even to go further.

If this interpretation of German intentions proved correct, the Government felt bound to say that as similar attempts had done in the past, this would arouse the successful resistance of this and other countries who prize their freedom.

"I am not yet able to make a statement on the consultations held with other governments as a result of the recent developments.

"I wish to make it clear that there is no desire on the part of the British Government to stand in the way of any reasonable efforts on the part of Germany to expand her export trade."

"Nor is this Government anxious to set up in Europe opposing blocs of countries with different ideas about the form of their internal administration."

"We are solely concerned here with a proposition that we cannot submit to a procedure under which independent States are subjected to such pressure under the threat of force, as to be obliged to yield up their independence."

"And we are resolved, by all means in our power, to oppose attempts if they should be made, to put such a procedure into operation."—Reuter.

CONSCRIPTION SOON?

London, Mar. 23. It is learned from a reliable source that the object of the talks which the Premier is at present conducting with leaders of the British Labour movement, is to sound Labour opinion on the question of introducing compulsory national service.

Mr. Chamberlain is believed to be unwilling to take a step in this direction until he is released from his pledge not to introduce conscription in "no peace."

The opposition has apparently decided to refrain from opposing compulsory national service.

"Repar," coming in from all parts (Continued on Page 5.)

Bratislava Appeals To Italy, Germany

BERLIN, MAR. 23. THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES THAT HUNGARIAN TROOPS HAVE ENTERED PARTS OF EASTERN SLOVAKIA, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM BRATISLAVA.

Reports indicate that the Hungarian incursions into Slovakia are rather more serious and far-reaching than first believed.

A Bratislava report says that a formal note has been sent from Bratislava to Budapest, protesting against violation of Slovak territory, and demanding a satisfactory reply within a few hours.

Information has also been sent to Berlin, but it is not yet known whether German military assistance has been requested.

Slovakian troops are strongly resisting the attacks, and minor engagements are reported to have occurred, with casualties on both sides.

Aeroplanes appeared to-day over Pradesov, but no bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

REACH SECOND LINE

SLOVAKIAN TROOPS, the Hlinka Militia and bombing planes to-day battled fiercely against Hungarian troops seeking to seize a fifteen mile strip of territory inside Slovakian territory.

The Hungarians are reported to have made this attempt with the consent of Herr Hitler.

The Hungarians crossed the frontier at three points and followed the retiring Slovaks to the second lines of defence, where a strong Slovak counter attack is reported to have repulsed them.

The Slovak Minister of Defence issued a communiqué saying, "At 2.30 p.m. Slovak defence commanders report that the Hungarian advance has been halted and probably could be held until reinforcements arrive."

The invasion extended 13½ miles to Michalovo and Male.

Military sources said the Hungarians are apparently attempting to reach Eperjes and force their way through to the Polish frontier.

The Slovaks have protested to Italy and Germany in an effort to persuade them to compel the Hungarians to respect their frontier.

The Hungarian invaders used tanks and all types of military units.—United Press.

SLOVAK PROTEST

Bratislava, Mar. 23. The Slovak Government has lodged a sharp verbal protest to Budapest against the Hungarian invasion of Slovakia.

The protest alleges the invasion violates the law of agreements as well as Hungary's recognition of Slovak independence.

The Slovak Government demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Hungarian troops.—United Press.

REICH SLOVAK PACT IS SIGNED

Berlin, Mar. 23. A German-Slovak Treaty has been signed.

Under the treaty, the Reich takes over the protection of the political independence of the Slovak State, and the integrity of its territory.

German armed forces at all times have the right to erect bases in a zone west of the border of Slovakia, and east of a general line comprising the eastern edge of the Little Carpathian Mountains, the eastern edge of the White Carpathians, and the eastern edge of the Javerci Mountains.—Reuter.

INVESTIGATION PROMISED

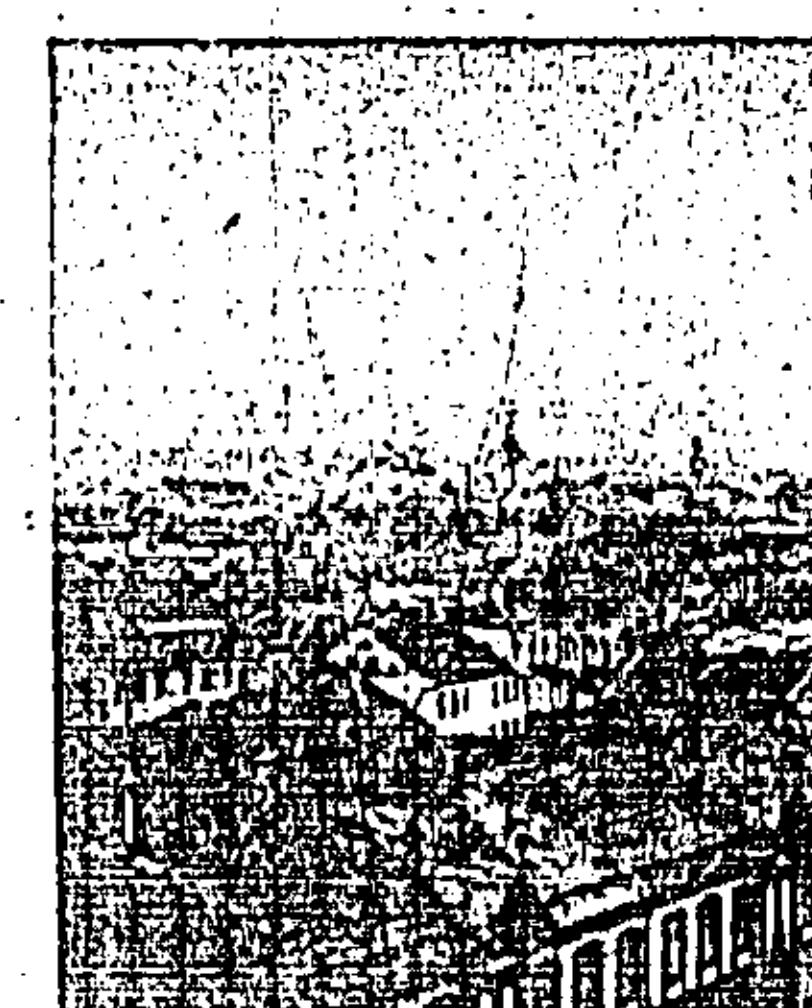
Budapest, Mar. 23. In an official communiqué replying to the Slovak protest against the Hungarian invasion of Slovakia, the German Government has offered a new and definite

What
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Saw

MEMEL TO BECOME A POWERFUL FORTRESS



THE MOLE AT MEMEL, WHERE HUGE CROWDS GATHERED TO GREET HERR HITLER YESTERDAY.



A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CITY OF MEMEL, WHICH GERMAN TROOPS HAVE NOW OCCUPIED.

German Battleships Arrive In Harbour

MEMEL, Mar. 23. IT WAS ANNOUNCED here to-day that Memel is to be made a fortress, with Captain Mollmann as first Commandant.

The German naval squadrons which arrived in Memel harbour this morning, consists of three battleships, three cruisers, eight destroyers, nine torpedo boats, five convoy ships, and several mine destroyers and mine layers.—Trans-Ocean.

The arrival of important military, naval and air detachments in Memel is regarded here as a demonstration of German force in north-eastern Europe, says "Reuter."

In political circles, it is believed that German influence in Lithuania is likely to be increased, since 80 per cent, of Lithuania's foreign trade goes through Memel.

Herr Hitler arrived in Memel aboard the battleship Deutsches Land which anchored in the harbour, escorted by destroyers and torpedo boats, while navy planes flew overhead, says "United Press."

The fleet will lie in the harbour except for several torpedobots which entered the river and anchored in the centre of the city.

TROOPS ENTER

German troops entered the city of Memel at 9.5 a.m. Armoured cars rumbled along the streets amid cheers of the crowds lining the sidewalks. Cars drew up before the State Theatre where Hitler is scheduled to appear at about 2 p.m.

The population of Memel was astir at 7 a.m. and throughout the morning companies of Memel S. A. and Order services have been marching through the streets forming cordon.

The crowds cheered and threw flowers to the German troops as they entered, drowning out the noise of heavy wheeled military equipment.

The occupation of Memel began at 7 a.m. with German troops entering from Tilsit.

The autonomous Memel Government ceased to function at midnight. Technically, Herr Hitler, who arrived with German police took over interim government and will later hand it over to Admiral Luedtke.

HITLER'S SECRET DESTINATION

Hitler departed at about 4 p.m. aboard the destroyer Leopard for an untravelled destination. Earlier, from a balcony of a theatre in the centre of the city he had given a triumphant speech welcoming Memel "home to the Reich."

He declared that Germany has now ended its "making good the sufferings" (Continued on Page 5.)

Trade War In Europe

Reich Gains Big Rumanian Victory

BUCHAREST, Mar. 23.

THE GERMAN-RUMANIAN trade accord was signed at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

In an amazingly wide scope of grants, Germany has been given almost unprecedented concessions.

However, it is emphasised that Germany in no way obtains dominant portions of Rumania's economy.

The agreement will run automatically to 1944.

It aims at the adaption of mutual economies and creates free zones in which German shipping companies and storehouses will be organised.

It is intended to comply with Germany's need for imports and the development of Rumania's production.

Despite assertions to the contrary, the belief is expressed here that there is no longer any question of Rumania's co-operation with the democracies.

It is believed that Germany will dominate Rumania.—United Press.

LONDON'S VIEW

London, Mar. 23. The German-Rumanian Trade Agreement is interpreted here as placing Rumania politically, militarily, and economically within Germany's orbit, thus losing her independence.—United Press.

ANGLO GERMAN RELATIONS

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, has announced that Britain has rejected all prospects.

LATEST

ANTI-DEMOCRACY MILITARY FRONT

BERLIN, Mar. 23.

DIPLOMATS EXPRESSED the belief that in the event of a European Anti-Hitler front being completed, it will provide a good chance for Germany, Italy and Japan to proceed with a military alliance in retaliation.

Nazi sources here disclosed that negotiations in this direction have been proceeding for some time.

It has been learned from a very reliable source that the Anti-Comintern Pact will probably very shortly be converted into a military alliance.—United Press.

TOKYO REVIEW

TOKYO, Mar. 23. In one of the longest night sessions in history the Japanese Inter Cabinet and key Ministers reviewed European and Soviet affairs last night between 10 p.m. and 12.30 a.m.

Japanese sources here regard this as being most significant in view of the Foreign Minister's recent conference with Prince Saigai and also his three hour conference with the Prime Minister on Tuesday.

To-day no Minister word as much as give a hint regarding the details of the conference.—United Press.

NORWEGIANS SAY WITH COEURS

Oslo, Mar. 23. Norwegian naval recruits, who would ordinarily have been released from service on April 1, are being retained in the colours for a further two months.—Reuter.

GERMAN CLAIM ON BELGIUM

Brussels, Mar. 23. Foreign press reports that negotiations are taking place between Belgium and Germany with a view to the retrocession of the town of Eupen-Malmédy to Germany.

It is denied that the fact that Slovakia's eastern frontier had never been delimited, might have led to a local dispute.

He denied that there was any question of military operation, and added that rumours that Hungarian troops were conducting operations with the encouragement or tacit approval of Germany were deliberate lies.—Reuter.

The region in question was taken from Germany and ceded to Belgium under the Treaty of Versailles. Of the 62,000 inhabitants, 52,000 are German-speaking, while the remainder consists of Walloons.

It is also denied that in exchange for retrocession, the German Government has offered a new and definite

MADRID TO SURRENDER?

BURGOS, Mar. 23.

THE SURRENDER of Madrid is a matter of minutes, rather than hours, according to a broadcast from the Madrid radio station.—Reuter.

ITALIANS WILL PRESS CLAIMS

Totalitarians To Fight Together

BERLIN, Mar. 23.

THE "FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG" declares that Italy will press her claims against France "even more strongly."

Germany, the paper says, regards every vital Italian demand as equal to the vital German demands, and if necessary, the two countries will fight together.

The hope and belief is expressed that Italy will get satisfaction without a war.—Reuter.

FRANCE SEEKS CONTACTS

Paris, Mar. 23.

The possibility of unofficial Franco-German contacts is still being aired in the French press.—Reuter Special.

According to a message from Bucharest, arrangements of the widest (Continued on Page 5.)

of achieving the Anglo-German trade agreement in view of the Reich's shattering of European frontiers.

"Political developments of the last few days have created a situation which, while it lasts, makes further progress impossible," he said.

RUMANIA CAN NOW OBTAIN ARMS

Bucharest, Mar. 23. Germany has informed Rumania that all new orders for armaments and munitions placed with the Skoda works in Bohemia before Czechoslovakia was occupied, will be delivered at once.

The orders include ten loads of munitions due for immediate delivery.—Reuter.

WIDE NATURE OF CONCESSIONS

Berlin, Mar. 23. According to a message from Bucharest, arrangements of the widest (Continued on Page 5.)

Threat To A.R.P. Denied No 'Merger' With The Police

AIR-RAID wardens, though police controlled, are not to be merged with the police force.

That was the promise given recently by Sir John Anderson, after a Home Office conference.

Many complaints have been made that the change of control of A.R.P. wardens would seriously affect present organisations. There were also suggestions that police control would tend towards militarisation of A.R.P.

At the conference with representatives of outer London authorities, Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of Police, said that he had agreed to accept the new responsibility only if the air raid wardens' organisation were kept separate from the police.

Sir John Anderson emphasised that it was never contemplated that the existing air raid wardens service should be scrapped, merged with the police, or lose its identity.

In a statement to the "Daily Herald" on the question of police control of wardens, Mr. Herbert Morrison said:

"The proposal was approved by a majority of the Metropolitan Borough Standing Joint Committee, which consists of three representatives from each of the Metropolitan Borough Councils. Within that majority was a substantial majority of Labour representatives."

"The question is one of effective administration, and in the light of their experiences I gather that most of our people took the view that the police organisation is more suited to the job and would be administratively more effective."

"Moreover, many of the duties of the A.R.P. wardens are not distinct from the civil and humanitarian duties of the police."

"When the police take over the warden services, the Police Commissioner will be responsible to the Home Secretary, and the Home Secretary directly responsible to Parliament."

"In the Provinces it is quite common for the wardens to be under the direction of the Chief Constable. That greatly impressed those who took this decision."

By 170 votes to 122, London Trades Council has refused co-operation in the Government's voluntary register scheme for civil defence, on the ground of opposition to Government policy.

Napoleon Said It

And Our Army Is Doing It Better Than Any Other

ARMY food and Army cooks have improved by leaps and bounds since the war days.

Now, at the request of the War Office, the L.C.C. Higher Education Committee have started a course for army cooks at the Westminster Technical Institute.

Up to 24 men are to take a series of practical lessons covering 12 weeks.

"WEST END" TEST

Their passing-out test will be to cook a dinner equal in flavour and variety to that at a West End hotel, with the difference that it will have to show a minimum of waste.

Successful students will join regiments all over the country.

Work has begun on a £140,000 Army school of cookery at Aldershot.

MARCHES ON ITS STOMACH

A War Office spokesman said: "All this is more than justified by the increased staying-power, health and temper of the men."

"We believe that no country has an army which could outlast the modern British Tommies."

"It is our boast that the soldiers never see the same menu two days running."

"They have rationing committees in every battalion for dealing with suggestions."

THREE HOT MEALS

"The new portable kitchens, which burn oil-fuel, are so designed that when troops are on the march, the longer they march the hotter the food gets."

"Every soldier gets three hot meals a day, and often a high tea as well."

Rabbit Fights Dogs And Likes His Beer

A lion living in a back-garden at Pinner, Middlesex, and a bear kept as a pet by a family in Croydon made news recently.

But the strangest pet is a rabbit that drinks beer and fights stray dogs.

BILL is his name. He came to London four years ago, a pet for the twelve-year-old son of Mr. Frank Harling, manager of a public house in Marylebone High-street, W.

He was put in a neat hutch in the cellar. Next morning he was found outside the hutch—in a drunken stupor.

He had been drinking beer that dripped from the barrels.

Spot, the family fox terrier, walked down into the cellar two hours later and Bill, by this time bidden with hang-over, attacked him.

The terrier fought with easy living, ran from the cellar yelping with fright.

Bill has bullied him ever since.

Sometimes Bill does tricks in the saloon bar for the customers. He can take the lid off a biscuit barrel, overturn the barrel and eat a piece of sponge cake.

He can drink a glass of milk without spilling it, and he can do a juggling trick with a bunch of keys.

'TAKE HIM AWAY'

His fans tell of the time when a woman went into the bar with a cocker spaniel. She was alone—until customers in the other bars heard her screaming: "Take your rabbit off my dog!"

The cocker, backed into a corner, was being kicked and bitten by Bill.

Bill's young life nearly ended, though, when he attacked a greyhound in Marylebone High-street

Princess Designs Hats

SOME of the hats, soon to be shown in the spring fashion displays, are models designed by Princess Natasha Bagration, 24-year-old granddaughter of Grand Duke Constantine of Russia, who is a cousin of the Duchess of Kent.

The Princess works in the hat department of Paquin's London shop, and, apart from designing new models, acts as a saleswoman.

More than once she has posed to the Duchess of Kent, an expert artist, for her portrait.

recently.

He had to run 150 yards for home and safety, the greyhound about three feet behind him all the way.

Mr. Hardling has not let Bill out into the street since then.

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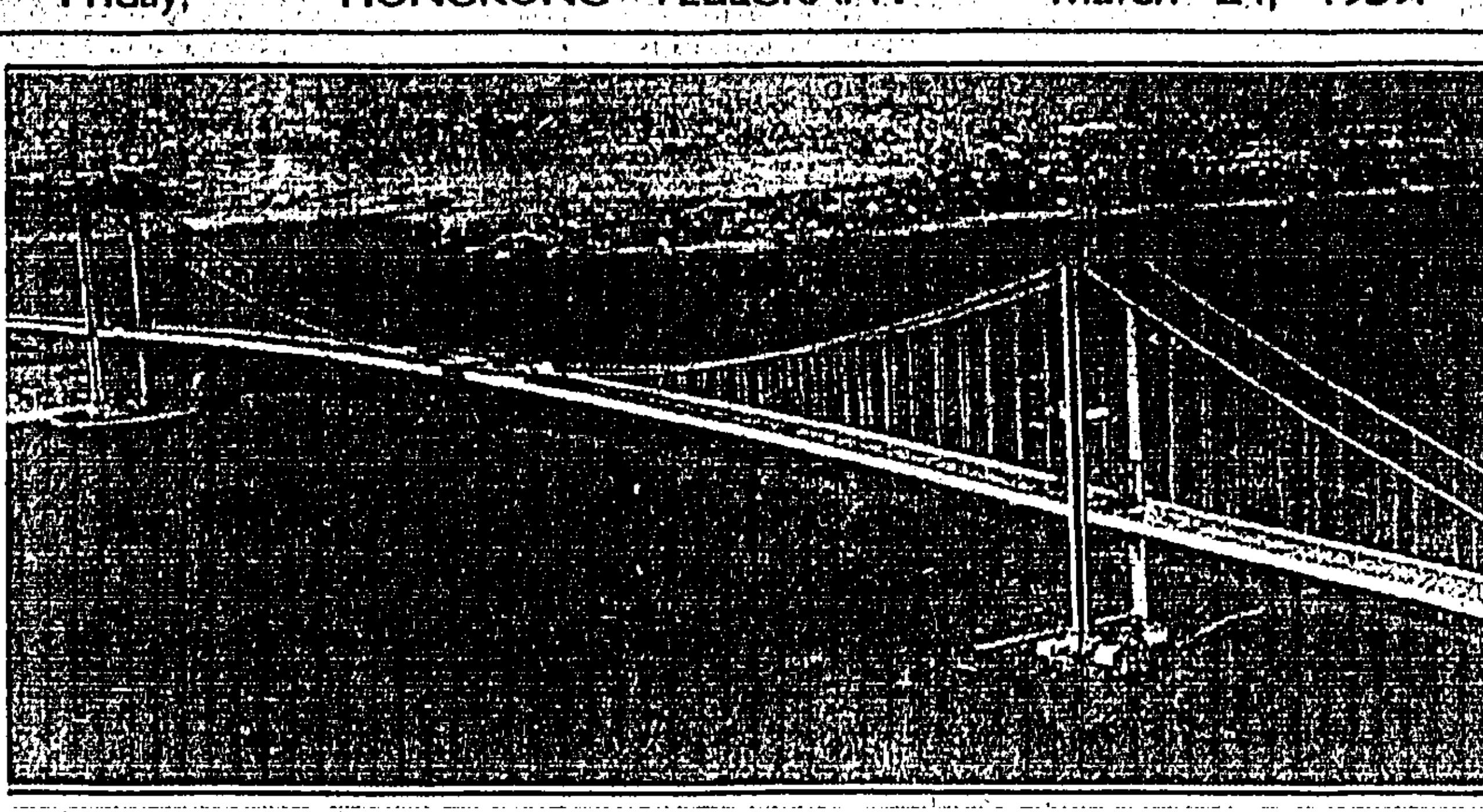
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EMPIRE NEWS

NATIONAL REGISTER FOR AUSTRALIA

Sydney. The Federal Cabinet, meeting at Hobart, considered defence questions in the light of the recent report by Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner in London.

It was decided to establish immediately a voluntary national register as a guide to man power and the industrial and food production capacity of the Commonwealth. The register will include both men and women.

It is believed that a voluntary basis was decided on because such a register can be drawn up more rapidly.

A committee has been appointed to consider a large expansion in liquid fuel storage.

Ministers stated that it was impossible to buy a capital warship, as Britain could not spare one. A British expert will probably be invited to advise Sydney on the site for a battleship dock.

Antarctic Research.—Members of the Cabinet have had informal discussions with Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, the American explorer, who arrived in Hobart from Antarctica. The Government is expected to buy Mr. Ellsworth's ship, Wyatt Earp, for use in an Australian expedition to Antarctica at some later date.

NEW ZEALAND

SPEED URGED IN DEFENCE PLANS

Referring to the Dominion's defence needs, the New Zealand Herald states that speed is the essence of the preparations. The Government is pre-occupied with social and economic security without national security. The Dominion at present lacks self-reliance. Isolation is no excuse. The Devonport naval base at Auckland is suitable for raids which are at present being carried out in England, with a great waste of time. The paper urges the formation of a naval auxiliary force.

SOUTH AFRICA.

BIG CAPE WATER STORAGE PROJECT

Cape Town. An ambitious hydro-electric, water storage and irrigation scheme, based on the construction of a huge dam near Villiersdorp, in the Western Province of the Cape, is now receiving the attention of the Irrigation Department of the Union Government.

This scheme would make available an additional water supply for Cape Town, and would also supply current to surrounding districts, including Hermanus, Caledon and Worcester.

The dam would have a capacity of 3,000,000,000 gallons.

ZULU WAS VETERAN'S DEATH.—The death just occurred at Dundee, at the age of 82, of Thomas Henry Cunningham, a friend of Rider Haggard and a survivor of Isandlwana.

No National Register.—The South African Government has no intention

Job Is Waiting For a New Swiss Family Robinson

THE Swiss-Family-Robinson kind of story gets an up-to-date twist in the news of the quest of the National Trust for a warden to live on the Calf of Man (writes Stanley Baron).

In the book, you remember, it was Mr. Robinson who decided he wanted no more of civilisation. And what Robinson said, in the dutiful eighteen-hundreds, went.

But the Calf of Man will be an affair of woman.

So strongly do the National Trust feel on the subject that after going through more than a thousand applications and reducing the list to two or three, they have decided to send the final candidates, with wives, over to the island to see conditions for themselves.

And how the wives will react will probably settle the choice.

MAKING DOUBLY SURE

Mr. D. M. Matheson, secretary to the National Trust, said:

"We came to the conclusion that it wouldn't be fair to send anyone out without making doubly sure that he knew what he was in for."

The job (looking after 615 acres of bird sanctuary and running a farm) will probably be one of the loneliest in Britain. It isn't the husband we worry about so much as the wife.

"None of the candidates, so far as I know, has lived alone on an island before. We think we have the right three in the last selections. So the question is now: 'Can Mrs. Robinson stand it?'

REACTION TEST

A National Trust official is to be put at the disposal of the candidates who have been chosen to see the island. He will guide them round and observe their reactions.

But the making of the final decision depends upon when the candidates can get across.

They will go separately—and the currents which cut off the isle from the Man mainland sometimes for weeks at a time, are among the worst in Britain.

Smuggling In China

LONDON.

Mr. Day asked a further question in the House of Commons recently regarding smuggling in China when he enquired whether any action had been taken by the Government to safeguard the position which had recently arisen by the continued smuggling in China and what the Government intended to amend the Government's attitude was.

Mr. Butler replied that while the Government naturally viewed with disfavour all evasions of payment of customs duties in China, no reports of smuggling had been received since the really big gave to Mr. Day on November 16 last. On that occasion Mr. Butler stated that according to the Government's information there had been an appreciable decrease in smuggling.

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KING'S TRAIN TO BE "FORT"

POLICE precautions due to the I.R.A. bombing outrages made the King and Queen almost prisoners in the royal train each evening during their three-day "no speechmaking" tour of the north-east recently.

Once the official functions of each day were over, they returned to the train, which was drawn up on the now disused Newcastle-Ponteland passenger line near Ponteland station.

And through the night specially picked Scotland Yard officers and detectives from the Northumberland County, Newcastle and L.N.E.R. forces guarded them.

The scene of the precautions—unparalleled for the safety of a King of Britain visiting the provinces of his own country—can be gathered from the fact that detectives watched the relaying of every yard of gravel and piece of asphalt at the place where the train will stay each night.

Normally, members of the Royal Family visiting the north-east stay at one of the great castles, Lambton, Lumley or Alnwick, but a police official said that their Majesties would be better guarded in the train.



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BOYS of all ages figured in six unusual court cases in various parts of the country recently. There was the boy of 17 who never spoke and was fed by his mother like a bird.

Boy of eight who was unhappy and tried to stab himself. Boy of 16 whose employers increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways; he did not.

Boy of three who, said his nurse, blacked her eye and bit her neck; she smacked him, and won a claim for wrongful dismissal.

Boy of 15 who told the magistrates he had no religion. Boy of 14 whose "present from Santa Claus" to his young brother was stolen by a tutor who found it.

AGED EIGHT, UNHAPPY

"I was unhappy and wanted to kill myself," said the eight-year-old, who at Ealing Juvenile court admitted trying to stab himself in the stomach with a carving knife.

A woman detective officer said Miss Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen, in Bruton-street, W., and carried off furs valued at £5,000.

About the same time—4 a.m.—another gang broke into the London Bullion Company's shop in Haymarket, S.W., and took jewellery in gold and silver, antiques and coins to the value of £2,000.

In their haste the four thieves left many valuable skins behind, but the jewel raiders appear to have had expert knowledge, taking the most valuable exhibits in the window.

BROKE MAIN DOOR

It was about 4.30 a.m. when a policeman discovered that Mr. Hartnell's premises had been entered, but by then the raiders had gone.

The gang had prised open both halves of a side door, but finding further progress stopped by a stout iron bar, worked on the main door.

After breaking the thick glass and forcing the locks they went to the showroom at the back.

Four men are believed to have taken part in the raid—to get the furs, one to watch, and a fourth waiting in the car in which the furs were taken away.

Mr. Hartnell designs dresses for the Queen. He designed the bridal dress of the Duchess of Gloucester and her eight bridesmaids, among whom were Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

SAW MASKED MAN
The raid on the London Bullion Company's shop was nearly foiled.

An assistant on night duty at a chemist's shop a short distance away heard a crash like falling glass, and was just in time to see a man, Jimmy in hand, and a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, crossing the pavement.

The assistant ran back into the shop, shouting "Help," but by the time a police patrol car arrived the thieves had got away.

They had wrenches the folding grille away from its catch and broken the door window.

"Big Jump" Was Medium's Control

A medium told counsel in a libel action in the King's Bench Division recently that his "control" was known as "Big Jump."

The action was brought by Mr. Mandor Fodor, a psychic research worker, of Park West, Marble Arch, W., against Psychic Press, Ltd., proprietors of the "Psychic News," Mr. Maurice Barbanell, the editor; Mr. Paul Miller, a journalist; and the printers and distributors of the paper.

Mr. Fodor claimed that he had been attacked by a series of articles suggesting that he was not fitted to carry out psychical investigation. The defendants denied that the words were defamatory.

PHOTOGRAPH OF ECTOPLASM

Seeing a copy of "Psychic News" before Mr. Barbanell in the witness box, Mr. Justice Singleton walked over, picked it up, and asked what picture on the front page represented.

"It is a photograph of Frau Lora" (a medium), Mr. Barbanell replied.

Mr. Justice Singleton pointed to the photograph and asked: "What is this supposed to be?"

"It is supposed to be ectoplasm," said Mr. Barbanell.

Mr. Barbanell said he was a medium "to a little degree," and had undergone the experience known as trance mediumship.

His "control" was known as "Big Jump." He had attended thousands of seances and, in one per cent. or two per cent. of cases at the highest, he had found fraud.

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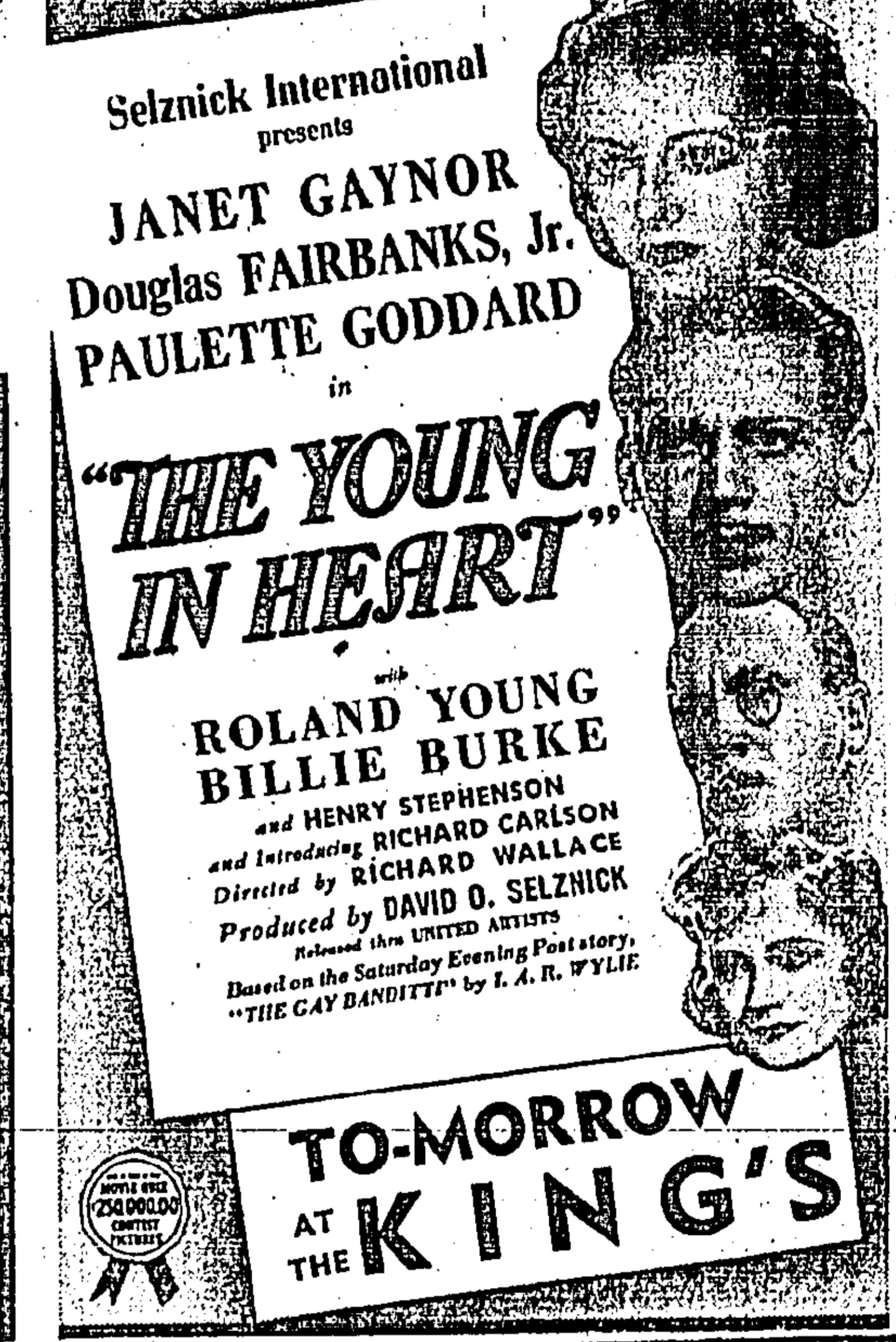
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IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

Delphinus Arrives With Late Mail

The Imperial Airways Delphinus reached Hongkong yesterday with the air mail, delayed one day on the main line.

The only passenger aboard was Miss Muriel Flit, 23, American, who will rejoin the ship *Franconia* here next week. She is on a world cruise, but broke her journey at Bangkok to come by plane in order to spend a week with friends in Hongkong.

The next mail is expected on schedule to-morrow.

The Far East manager of Imperial Airways Lt.-Commander A. D. S. Murray, said last evening that he had no report that the Delphinus had been obliged to return to Bangkok because of the failure of one of the plane's instruments.

PLANE MISSING

Dublin, Mar. 23. A passenger airliner operating on the Peking-Dublin route of the China Aviation Corporation has been unaccounted for since it left Tientsin for Dublin at 8.10 a.m. to-day. The plane was carrying nine passengers and a crew of three.—Domestic.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures Of Planes Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 24; Imperial Airways 7 a.m. March 25.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Guam, Honolulu, Boeing Clipper 8.30 a.m. March 25.

For Chungking, Sian, etc. Eurasia and C.N.A.C. service indefinite.

For France, via Hanol: Air France 6.30 a.m. March 25.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 25; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. March 26.

From Chongching, Yunnanfu, Kweli, C.N.A.C., Eurasia Service indefinite.

From U.S.A., via Honolulu, Guam, Manila Boeing Clipper 12.30 p.m. March 25.

From France via Hanol: Air France, 12.30 March 23.

SUICIDE'S FORESIGHT

Dublin, Mar. 23. A bottle picked up on the shore here contained a suicide note stating that the writer was taking his own life, and adding, "But for what it is worth, Squadron Castle will win the Lincolnshire Handicap and Cooleen the Grand National."

Squadron Castle won the Lincolnshire at 40 to 1 and Cooleen stood 25 to 1 in the Grand National.—United Press.

DORADO LEAVES

The Imperial Airways plane Dorado left Kai Tak this morning for Bangkok with Mr. H. C. Lee as the sole passenger.

Some 1034lbs. of mail were carried.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The improvement in the London market was short-lived, and the latest advices from that quarter show an appreciable drop in most quotations. This, together with the uncertainty still surrounding the European political situation, may account for the lethargic state of the local market. In spite, however, of all this, H.K. Banks continue to command attention and a large business was reported in them to-day at \$1,340, with a small lot being traded at \$1,350.

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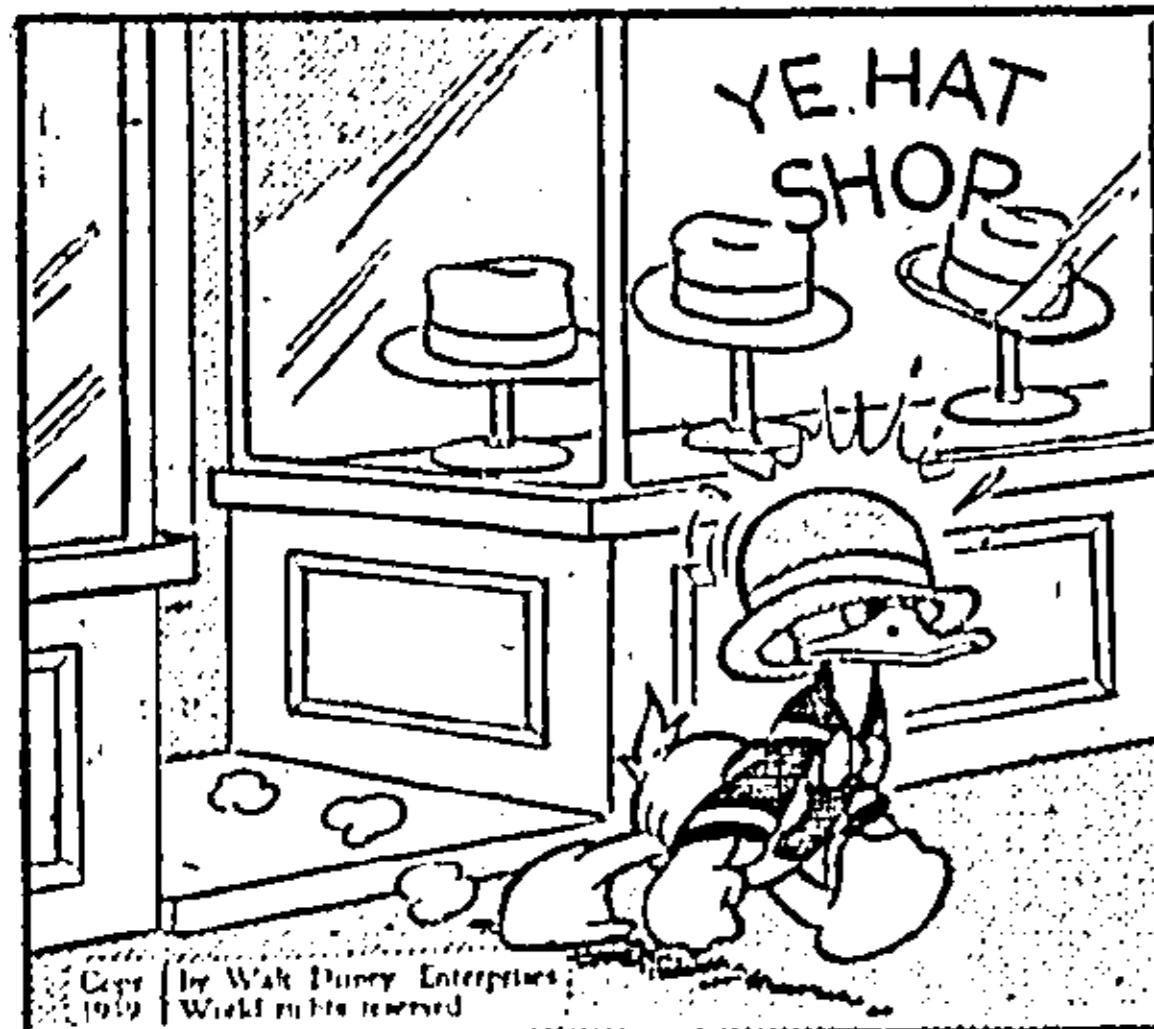
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MEMEL TO BECOME A POWERFUL FORTRESS

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"ing" inflicted after the World War. It is not clear whether he meant that Germany is satisfied territorially.

He said the Germany which has arisen "does not trust her fate to foreigners but has determined it herself... even if it does not please the outside world."—United Press.

FORMAL TRANSFER

Kaunas, Mar. 23. A member of the Lithuanian government will meet German military representatives at noon for the formal handing over of the Memel territory.—Reuter.

NO U.S. RECOGNITION

Washington, Mar. 23. The acting Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, said to-day that the United States will not recognise Germany's absorption of Memel.

However, he indicated that it is viewed under a somewhat different category than the absorption of Czechoslovakia.

New attention to the absorption of Memel having followed a constitutional procedure.

He said he had received a formal notification from the Lithuanian Minister which had been forwarded to the Treasury Department, a procedure which is interpreted as presaging a penalty on import duties.—United Press.

SOVIET COMMENT

Moscow, Mar. 23. The "Pravda" commenting on Germany's latest move, declared that "the seizure was not unexpected."

"It follows the Anglo-French policy which failed to take measures to prevent annexation, despite British, French, and Italian guarantees of Lithuanian sovereignty.

The talk recently heard in London and Paris with regard to a new Anglo-French foreign policy, remains silent.—Reuter Special.

REACTION IN POLAND

The Polish Foreign Office continued on Thursday to be the scene of great diplomatic activities.

Colonel Beck had further talks with the French Ambassador, M. Noel, and with the Slovak Chargé d'Affaires, Dr. Klinowski.

The callers also included the diplomatic envoys of Estonia and Latvia.

The surrender of Memel to Germany is having a far-reaching effect on Poland. The two leaders of the opposition conferred with Premier Skłodowski.

Considerable sensation has been created by the arrest of the editor of the paper "Slovo" for having attacked the Government's foreign policy. This action, it is stated, proves that the position of Colonel Beck is as strong as ever.

He still enjoys the full support of the Polish Army and no one would be surprised if the Government were to take drastic action against the opposition.—Trans-Ocean.

SLOVAKIA INVADED BY HUNGARIANS

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Hungarian invasion, the Hungarian Government has promised an immediate investigation.

However, it said the eastern frontier of Slovakia has never been previously definite and that it is possible that a local conflict has developed between the Hungarian and Slovakian forces near the frontier.

The reply said there is no question of actual military operations and that the reports that the Hungarians invaded Slovakia with German encouragement are completely false.—United Press.

NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Berlin, Mar. 23. Official German circles are not so far taking the reports of Hungarian incursions into Slovakia very seriously.

It is considered that the Hungarians, in the course of pacifying Ruthenia, have crossed what was a very vague and doubtful frontier into territory claimed by the Czechs.

It is recalled that there were similar incidents during the occupation of Sudetenland.—Reuter Special.

FIGHTING NEAR USZOROD

Pressburg, Mar. 24. It was impossible on Thursday evening to obtain telephonic communication with the eastern part of Slovakia, but according to various reports received, fighting is continuing somewhere near Uszorod.

Slovak troops are said to be repelling the Hungarian invasion. Hungarian Guards and several Slovak soldiers were killed, according to communication received by the press.

TRADE WAR IN EUROPE

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character are covered by the new German-Romanian agreement.

The development of the enormous potential resources of Rumania, particularly in the direction of agriculture is the main feature of the agreement, and another highly important aspect is the supply of industrial equipment.

Intensification of products is anticipated, especially of fodder, oil seed, and fibre plant.

Attention is also paid to forestry.

German machines and mining equipment will be supplied, and German-Romanian companies will be formed to exploit copper, chromite and manganese, bauxite and aluminum industries will be founded.

A German-Romanian company will promote mineral oil production, execute boring, and a distribution programme.

CO-ORDINATE INDUSTRIES

The two countries will co-ordinate their industries and create new zones in which industrial and trade undertakings will be established, and warehouses will be built for German shipping in the free zone.

The delivery of war materials and armaments for the Rumanian army, navy and air forces, and armaments industries are also included in the agreement.

The agreement will come into force after its ratification, and it will remain valid until March 31, 1944, and if not denounced a year before its expiration, will be prolonged indefinitely subject to a year's notice at the end of every fourth year.—Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS IN EAST

London, Mar. 23.

The present circumstances are not favourable for the despatch of a British mission to Chungking to consult with the Chinese Government as regards the best opportunities for developing trade in textiles in West China, said Mr. Ronald Cross, replying to Mr. H. Sutcliffe in the House of Commons to-day.

He added that the Board of Trade did not wish to discourage interests concerned from sending a mission if it was considered that the possibilities of trade were worth exploring.—Reuter.

ITALY-NEGOTIATES

Genoa, Mar. 23.

It is reported that Italy is negotiating for the purchase of 30,000 tons of wheat from Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Rumania.—Reuter.

NOT EXCLUSIVE TO REICH

Bucharest, Mar. 23.

Following the signing of the agreement with Germany, M. Gafencu said: "We are prepared to sign similar treaties with other countries if they wish."

Romania retains her economic independence under the agreement, according to political circles, which, however, give the impression that Rumania agreed to rather more than was originally wished.

German circles describe the agreement as a "sort of German-Romanian Five Year Plan."—Reuter Special.

from the leader of the Hlinka Guards, Hr. Mich.

He admitted that authority has completely broken down in the remote parts of Slovakia.

Slovak troops and Hlinka Guards have been despatched to resist the Hungarian invasion.

The Hungarian troops have been warned to withdraw by midnight, Thursday, (8 a.m. H.K.T.) otherwise Slovak troops would launch a large-scale offensive.—Trans-Ocean.

TOTALLY UNEXPECTED

Pressburg, Mar. 24.

The entry of Hungarian troops into eastern Slovakia is characterised by the Slovak authorities as an utterly unexpected military assault on Slovak territory.

According to reports so far received the Hungarians marched into eastern Slovakia in three columns shortly after mid-night.

Infantry battalions marched from Velke Berezno to Ubla and Szakcska, while one motorised regiment with tanks marched from Oszorod in the direction of Sobrance.

At 9.30 a.m. the Hungarians were about 12 miles on the other side of the previous frontier.

Towards 11 o'clock Hungarian formations occupied positions on the Roztoky-Feketova line.

In the course of the morning, Hungarian airplanes were over Presov. In the district of Sobrance a fortified Hungarian line is said to have been observed yesterday afternoon.

Reports state that the Slovak troops have dug trenches in positions opposite the Hungarians and are holding these positions.—Trans-Ocean.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1889.

We beg to inform the Public Works Department, on behalf of the hundreds of rickshaw-patrons, that Queen's Bond Central is a disgrace to the said Department further now than it was when the said Department got into a rickshaw van to-morrow and finally driven over the said road 22 times, with particular attention on the part of the driver when between the Hongkong Dispensary and Messrs. Powell's premises. What this colony is aching for is an additional deputy assistant chief surveyor general who is particularly practising on his blotting-pad how "Eng. J. P." will look, and who will attend to business.

Extracts from the reports of the committee on the naval manœuvres in 1888 say that the British navy is that Great Britain is far from being as strong as she should be on the seas. While they believe the navy strong enough to engage any single maritime power, they are of the opinion that nothing should be lost in placing it beyond comparison of the combined naval forces of any two countries.

25 YEARS AGO

March 24, 1914.

According to trustworthy accounts, the position in the Third Cavalry Brigade at the Curragh and Dublin is unprecedented. On Friday morning the War Office requested officers who were unprepared for active service in Ulster "send in their papers within twelve hours. Seventy-one out of twenty-five including General Gough, N. C. did not do this. As a result of the reference at the War Office on Friday night, General Paget, the Officer Commanding the Troops in Ireland, conferred on Saturday with the senior officers who were disgruntled. It was intended that the War Office was willing to accept the resignation of General Gough and Major Keirsey, but not the others, who, if they disobeyed orders, would be liable to be tried by court-martial.

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The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages. Mr. Henry Tardrew George Pearce, manager of the Victoria Radio Shoppe, and Miss Lily Chan, of 13 Caine Road, Hongkong. The witnesses were Messrs. H. W. A. C. McDonald and Sydney Chan.

The wedding also took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, of Mr. Tsui Yum-chuen, merchant, and Miss Wu Kit-ping, of 227 Temple Street, Kowloon. The witnesses were Mrs. Woo Sing and Mr. Yu Siu-min.

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The following forthcoming wed-

dings are announced: Mr. Lin Tse-wai, rice merchant, and Miss Chan Kwan-yau, of 6 Prince's Terrace, Hongkong; and Mr. Tsui Ling-sheng, chief editor of the Tien-Yien Pao, and Miss Ho Lal-va, of 35 Rue Manduco, Macao.

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NOT CHALLENGED

March 24, 1929.

Government supporters approve of the tone of Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in the House of Commons as regards the international situation, and consider that he could not have been more precise in the present circumstances.

Critics of the Prime Minister in the Government ranks regard it as a strong and important declaration.

Several opposition Labour members have expressed satisfaction with the terms of the statement.

It was observed that after the statement, Labour and Liberal front-benchers asked no questions.

Only Mr. A. Bayan, who is an associate of Sir Stafford Cripps, asked challenging questions.—Reuter.

CZECH CONSUL WON'T HAND OVER

Colombo, Mar. 23.

The Czech Consul, who is an Englishman, has refused to hand over the Consulate to the German authorities.

It is understood that he takes this stand on the ground that England has not recognized the annexation of the Czech States.—Reuter.

LAW OF JUNGLE

London, Mar. 23.

Mr. Anthony Eden, addressing American newspaper correspondents at the Savoy Hotel, to-day, said that a great part of Europe now sees no law prevail but the law of the jungle, where the prey falls to the swiftest and most ruthless stroke.

He believed it to be the duty of peace-loving nations to unite immediately to organise defence against further aggression.

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Australia To Manufacture Warplanes Decentralisation Of Industry

LONDON, Mar. 23. THE AIR MINISTER announced in the House of Commons that the United Kingdom air mission, which by arrangement with the Australian Government has been investigating the possibility of aircraft production in Australia, had now completed its report.

The main recommendations had been considered by the United Kingdom Government and the Commonwealth Government, and both governments had decided to accept them generally, and to put them in operation forthwith.

Immediate action would be taken for the manufacture in Australia of air frames to British design suitable for Australian requirements, and also for those of the R.A.F. in the Far East.

The report of the mission emphasised the extent to which engineering resources had been developed in recent years in Australia. Full advantage would accordingly be taken of these resources by a system of widespread subcontracting throughout the engineering industry. This would accelerate production in peace time, and create a capacity for expansion in an emergency. This scheme, Sir Kingsley Wood declared, was an important contribution to Empire defence.

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When the elections did come, the Germans practically swept the board December.

Bertolt said in the same statement that after the elections Memel would demand proofs of good will from the Lithuanian Government. If it did not get them, he said, the cry "Back to the Reich" could no longer be suppressed.

When Hitler decided to join Memel to East Prussia there couldn't be much opposition. Certainly the Poles had no desire to help Lithuania retain Memel, for in fact the land-hungry Poles wouldn't mind in the least carving a piece of Lithuania for themselves.

Pilsudski showed them how to do it.

Memel was bound to go the way of Austria and Czechoslovakia sometime. Luckily, it went.

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NEXT ARTICLE IN THIS SERIES ON MONDAY

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March 24, 1939**Baltic Pawn**

THE IMPLICATIONS behind the German occupation of Memelland are much wider than they appear on the surface. The Memel district, a strip of 863 square miles without which Lithuania scarcely can live is, although so small that it is virtually valueless to Germany economically, highly valuable as pawn in the larger game Germany is now playing in Eastern Europe.

Just as the German occupation of Czechoslovakia and all it implies makes Poland's southern flank highly vulnerable, so does Lithuania, with whom Poland established diplomatic relations only last year through an ultimatum presented at the point of the gun, lie heavily on her northern flank. And although Lithuania is small, her strategic value is tremendous, especially since Poland's western front is exposed at Danzig.

Thus you see in German re-occupation of Memel a lever with which Lithuania can be jostled into almost any position. The first fruits have already become manifest in the Lithuanian-German Non-Aggression Pact, signed yesterday. Germany now has Lithuania's only seaport and Lithuania may, as a result of the dependence she must now place on Germany, find that her freedom is not much more than that enjoyed by the Bohemians, the Moravians or the Slovaks.

You will probably see, as a result of this Memel re-occupation, another spate of diplomatic activity in central Europe, with Warsaw as the axis. Poland, almost surrounded now by Germany, must either resign herself to the knowledge that the Pan-Ukrainian movement Herr Hitler is espousing involves dismemberment of Poland as well as Soviet Russia, or must cast around for new and powerful allies.

In return for facilities in Memel, and especially access to Memel Harbour, Lithuania will almost certainly be forced, in the very near future if not now, to become a vassal of Greater Germany.

Events on the Baltic coast must have a salutary effect on the other little Baltic states, whom Germany would also like to bring within her orbit. They will watch post-Memel developments in Lithuania with the greatest of anxiety as a token of what might be in store for them.

Memel is typical of German colonial territory. Even after 700 years of German rule it contained, according to the German 1910 census, 71,761 inhabitants of German mother tongue, and 67,124 of Lithuanian mother tongue, while in the Lithuanian census of 1925 43.51 per cent of Memel's inhabitants characterised themselves as of German nationality, 27.60 per cent of Lithuanian nationality and 25.18 per cent as Memellanders.

Thus Memel becomes a second precedent for German territorial claims no longer based on the National Socialist principle alone, but rather on political preference, however obtained. And since all the Baltic States contain large German minorities, an example of what a determined German minority with the backing of Great Germany can do provides them food for thought.

MEMEL, Europe's nagging tooth

by
**EMRYS
JONES**

TURN your eyes to that strip of territory called Memelland that adjoins East Prussia, whose coast is washed by the Baltic Sea, whose people were, until this week, in Lithuania, and whose heart is in Germany.

Note the clean, red-brick cobble-stoned town of Memel itself, and see what a fine jumping-off ground it is as a base for any nation whose ambition it is to make a dive up the Baltic.

Turn your eyes to Memel, because it's like a troublesome tooth—you never know when it's going to start aching.

Hitler and Chamberlain had some words about it when the British Prime Minister met the Fuehrer in Germany during the crisis last year.

Before we investigate that, consider the story of Memel—consider it, because Memel was the result of a smash-and-grab raid, following by another smashing and grabbing that brought it back to Germany yesterday.

Memelland was German until it was taken away from them by the peacemakers in Paris, and it was some time before the Allies decided what to do with it.

Too Late

IN 1923 it was decided for them. In the beginning of that year armed Lithuanians (who until the end of the war had been Russia) began to be heard, began to give the 200 French soldiers there, who were keeping order on behalf of the Allies, a lot of trouble.

To the Allies came urgent requests for help from the French Commissioner. To Lithuania went a protest, and the British cruiser Caledon sailed for the Baltic.

Too late. Thousands of Lithuanians attacked the French, who gave way. So Memel was annexed by Lithuania, and in the following year the grab was recognised when Lithuania signed the

movement for incorporation in the Third Reich began to gather momentum, till in 1934 Lithuanian troops swarmed into Memelland, arrested leaders and a hundred other prominent German citizens.

The Lithuanians held a trial in Kaunas, accused them of plotting to restore Memelland to the realm of Adolf Hitler. They sentenced four men to death, sent nearly a hundred to long terms of imprisonment.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

Then the world saw for the first time that other nations must take care how they treat people of the German race. Hitler protested vigorously against the death sentences and it looked like the aching tooth was about to be drawn.

The Lithuanians, however, climbed down, commuted the death sentences. One of the men they sentenced was Ernst Neumann, now known in Lithuania as the Henlein of Memelland. They sent him to prison for twelve years at Slauen, but after doing four years he was pardoned and released.

Last week, you could have seen the ex-veterinary surgeon Ernst Neumann on the stump in Memelland, wearing a dark blue suit, top boots with the elk-antler badge of his party in his button-hole.

Name Changed

THE Lithuanians began by assaulting the feelings of the Memellanders, who were German, by changing the name of the German town from Memel to Klaipeda on the railway stations and destroying monuments that reminded the Memellanders of their German background.

However, there was no big cry then to return to the arms of Germany, for that was back in 1923, when a minor agitator called Adolf Hitler was just beginning to raise the storm in far-away Munich.

Soon after the agitator had become master of Germany in 1933, the German Memellander turned their eyes to the Third Reich, Propaganda and racial feeling started the tooth aching, and from time to time the twinges were felt all over Europe.

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THE troublesome tooth of Memelland was kept nervous by frequent clashes between Germans and Lithuanians. Last June Nazis and Lithuanians fought for two hours in the streets because the Germans had welcomed a Nazi ship in the port with the Hitler salute and cries of "Heil!"

The casualties were the death of a 16-years-old son of a German policeman and 50 injured. Once more it looked as if Europe was in for a first-class crisis.

The storm passed—on the surface. Memelland disappeared from the crisis scene until a British M.P. asked in the House of Commons what was going to happen there. That was after Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Germany in September.

In reply, it was said that Hitler had told Chamberlain that he'd be glad to leave Memelland as it was, as long as the Memel Statute was observed by the Lithuanian Government.

Please note: "As long as the Memel Statute was observed by the Lithuanian Government."

It would not be difficult to find an excuse for saying that the Statute was not being observed, and, anyway, the Memellanders were reckoned among the dissatisfied minorities that afflict the European scene.

A Scandal

ALL this happened when Hitler gave it out that he had no more territorial ambitions, but in Berlin a few days later it was semi-officially stated (and that's pretty official in Germany) that this did not mean the Fuehrer was not deeply interested in his fellow-Germans beyond the frontiers of Nazi Germany.

In the same October that was followed up in Berlin by the comment that suppression in Lithuania "has become an untenable scandal."

More to the point was the formal declaration made to newspapermen in Memel by Herr Bertolt, deputy-leader of Memel's Nazis.

Said he: "Memel was separated against its will from the German Fatherland. Now it desires reunion (Continued on Page 6.)



"Your neck is too long for the new coiffure, but I think our Mr. Emily can fix that!"

I Asked Hitler Questions

Fifth Day. In The Series of Questions and Answers from an unexpurgated Edition of "Mein Kampf".

Q. Why did you choose the swastika?

A. "The new flag had to be just as much a symbol of our own struggle as of great advertising effectiveness. Anybody who has much to do with the masses sees great importance in these apparent trivialities. An effective badge can in hundreds of thousands of cases awake the first interest in a movement." (p. 555.)

"As National-Socialists we see our programme in our flag. In the red we see the social idea of the nationalistic; in the swastika the mission of the struggle for the victory of the Aryan man." (p. 557.)



Q. What is your view of Freemasonry?

A. "To strengthen his political position the Jew tries to tear down racial and political barriers which at first still hamper his steps. For this purpose he fights for religious tolerance with all the toughness peculiar to him, and has found an excellent instrument for the championing of his cause in Freemasonry, which has completely fallen prey to him."

"Governing circles and the higher grades of the political and business bourgeoisie fall into his snare through masonic strings, without their realising it." (p. 349.)

The work which Freemasonry begins in so-called intellectual circles to further the pacificating of the drive for national self-preservation is passed on to the broad masses by the activity of the great Press to-day always Jewish." (p. 351.)



Q. What is the fundamental difference between Nazism and Communism?

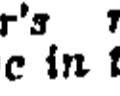
A. "By its categorical rejection of personality and thus of the nation and its racial content Marxism destroys the elementary basis of all human culture which is dependent just on these factors. This is the real inner kernel of Marxist philosophy... With the destruction of personality and race falls the important obstacle to the domination of the inferior type—and this is the Jew..."

"So arises a pure workers' movement under Jewish leadership, pretending to better the condition of the worker, but in reality aiming at the enslavement and destruction of all non-Jewish peoples." (p. 351.)

"The (Nazis)... movement must promote respect of the person with all means. We must never forget that individual worth lies the worth of everything human, that every idea and every achievement is the result of the creative power of a man." (p. 357.)

"The nationalist point of view... does not only envisage the different worth of races, but also the different worth of individual men." (p. 421.)

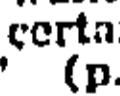
"The fundamental difference between nationalist philosophy and Marxism is that nationalist philosophy does not recognise only the value of race but also the importance of the individual, and makes him the foundation of its whole structure." (p. 301.)



Q. Many say you are taking a gambler's risks in Europe. Do you believe in taking risks?

A. "Lack of will... hinders every decision connected with risk, as if the magnitude of a deed did not consist in its riskiness..."

"He who first demands from fate the guarantee of success, thereby renounces the very importance of an heroic deed. For an heroic deed lies in the fact that although convinced of the danger of a situation, you take the step which will perhaps lead to success. A man sick with cancer... does not want to reckon on fifty-one per cent, certainly before risking an operation." (p. 403.)



Q. Do you think it would be a better world if Germany ran it entirely?

A. "If the German people throughout its historical development had possessed the herd-like unity which helped other peoples, the German Reich to-day would be mistress of the world."

World history would then have taken another course, and no man is in a position to decide whether the very thing that so many dazzled pacifists are to-day hoping to beg by whining and whimpering peace, would not have come about in this way.

A peace supported not on the hand-wringing of tearful wailing women, but by the victorious sword of a master people which takes the world into the service of a higher culture." (p. 430.)

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Anti-Nazi Bloc

Hopes Of Conference Improve

London, Mar. 23. The prospects of a very early conference of the anti-aggression Powers improved late last night, according to political circles, as a result of the discussions between Mr. Chamberlain and Viscount Halifax, and M. Bonnet and M. Charles Corbin, French Ambassador to Great Britain.

It is now considered likely that the British plan for an immediate anti-aggression declaration will be superseded by consultations either in London or Paris, possibly as early as this week-end, along the lines proposed originally via Berlin.

There are no reliable indications as to who will attend the conference but political circles believe the conference will possibly be extended beyond Britain, France, Russia, Poland, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Rumania. An invitation may also be sent to the Scandinavian and Baltic countries.

The object would be to build up an impressive list of Powers prepared to stand together for the maintenance of peace.—United Press.

Hint to Germany

Warsaw, Mar. 23. What is interpreted here as a hint to Germany that Poland will consider extension of German influence in Lithuania beyond Memel as conflicting with Polish interests, is contained in a statement by official quarters emphasising that Poland considers the Baltic region to be a region where her direct interests are concerned.—Reuter.

Treaty with Slovakia

Berlin, Mar. 23. The treaty between the Reich Government and the Slovak Government, it is understood, was signed at 12.40 p.m. at the Foreign Office in Berlin. The German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, signed for Germany, while the Slovak Premier, Dr. Tiso, and the Foreign Minister, M. Duransky, signed for Slovakia.

The contents of the treaty will be published to-night.—Trans-Ocean.

Worry Over Delay

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Neville Chamberlain is expected to make a short statement in the Commons this afternoon indicating the negotiations for promotion of the anti-aggression front still proceeding, but it is doubtful whether he will give much positive information.

It is known that members of all Parties view with concern the passage of time—since Czechoslovakia was annexed which has failed to produce any concrete signs of a definite stand being taken, also the impatient delay while diplomats are arguing whether to issue a declaration and then hold a conference or vice versa.

At present the indications are that the Government will not grant permission for a debate on foreign affairs at least until Monday.

A deputation of Labour trade union leaders will visit Mr. Chamberlain at Downing Street this morning and urge him to make no reservations on the issue of giving support to those countries which are prepared to make a stand against aggression.—United Press.

Terms of Agreement

London, Mar. 23. The Daily Telegraph diplomatic writer states, "Mr. Chamberlain and M. Bonnet are understood to have exchanged written memorandum placing on record the verbal agreement which they are believed to have reached at the end of January. This was, in effect, that France would give unreserved support to Britain if the latter regarded German attack on the Low Countries, including Holland, as a threat to Britain. On the other hand, Britain undertook similar pledges towards France in respect of German attacks on Switzerland or other areas of vital interest to France."—United Press.

HUNGARY INVADES SLOVAKIA

Vienna, Mar. 23. Political quarters in Bratislava reported that at 8 a.m. to-day Berlin time regular Hungarian troops crossed the frontier into Slovakia near Sobrance and advanced in the direction of Michalovce, occupying several villages on the way. Shortly after 10.30 a.m., Berlin time, other Slovak frontier villages were occupied by regular Hungarian troops advancing on Michalovce from various directions.

So far no resistance has been offered to the Hungarian troops, but the Slovak Defense Minister announced this forenoon that Hilka Guards have been mobilised and the bombing planes will be used against the advancing Hungarian troops. In addition, all Czech troops still in garrison have been ordered to oppose the advance of Hungarian troops.—Trans-Ocean.

HITLER IN MEMEL

Tremendous Welcome: Speech To Populace

Memel, Mar. 23. Herr Hitler landed from the cruiser Deutschland shortly after 9.30 a.m., G.M.T., and drove to Theatre Square where German troops were drawn up and a crowd waited. All offices and shops were closed.

The German troops from East Prussia reached Memel city shortly after 7 a.m., the sun shining, though snow and ice covered the streets.

Many people had flocked into town from the country and large crowds cheered heartily.

German cruisers, destroyers, minesweepers and submarines arrived in Memel ahead of the Deutschland.—Reuter.

Hearty Welcome

Berlin, Mar. 23. Punctually at 5 a.m. German troops started to march into Memel from East Prussia.

The Memel Nazi Storm Troopers and hundreds of civilians greeted the incoming troops. As they moved on through Memel territory, every village hoisted swastika flags and hundreds came out of their homes to watch.—Reuter.

Hitler's Address

Memel, Mar. 23. Addressing the Memellanders, Herr Hitler said he was pleased to receive them back to the Reich.

"I lead you back to the Fatherland which you did not forget and which has not forgotten you. You were abandoned by a weak Germany and you returned to a Germany which is strong and ready to make its own destiny. Even if it is not liked by the rest of the world, this new Germany includes over 80,000,000 people."

"Our unity will never break as under no other Power shall break it. Twenty years of sorrow and distress will be lessened. We know what we may expect from others. We do not want to harm anyone, but we will not tolerate any harm done to us. Now we have substantially reached the end of reparations. I greet you, old German racial members and the youngest citizens of the Great German Reich."

Hitler spoke for eight minutes.—Reuter.

Port Arrangements

Memel, Mar. 23. A new "Memel Port Company" will be founded to manage and to supervise the port awards.

All Lithuanian property in the Memel port which has been transferred to the Reich will be placed in the hands of the new company.

An agreement will provide that the German port administration will lease for a period of 99 years the use of water and land facilities to the new company, which in return is obliged to place port facilities at the disposal of general traffic for all requirements.

Port duties will be collected by the new company, which also will be granted fair-reaching allowances in taxation matters.

The free-zones are still to be defined and customs control will be established at the frontiers of the free-zones. Germany will retain sovereign rights over all leased territory and free-zones.

The questions arising in connection with the Lithuanian ships registered at Memel will be regulated between the two authorities.—British Wireless.

Labour Problem in Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 23. Mr. Hiroshi Shimomura, of the Kenkyukai, pointed out in the House of Peers this morning that when the China Incident has been concluded, able-bodied men would return to farming villages and cause a surplus of labour in the country.

Advising that the excessive labour should be exported to the Continent, especially to Manchukuo, he asked the Government as to a policy of co-ordinating agricultural developments between Japan, Manchukuo and China.

Agriculture and Forestry Minister Sakurada admitted the inevitability of an eventual surplus of labour, and said that adequate measures would be taken to immigrate agricultural labour to Manchuria and North China.—Domel.

Britain

The Lebruns' Busy Time In London

London, Mar. 22.

Both Houses of Parliament greeted the President and Madame Lebrun at an impressive ceremony in Westminster Hall. After a formal reception the distinguished visitors took their seats on chairs at the top of the first flight of steps facing the members of the Lords and Commons with their ladies seated to the left and right of them in the body of the hall.

The Prime Minister and other Cabinet Ministers occupied the front row of seats. After the playing of the Marseillaise and the National Anthem.

Before leaving the President and Madame Lebrun visited the Chambers of both Houses and were entertained by the House of Lords in the Royal Gallery.

Before returning to Buckingham Palace a visit was paid to the Unknown Warrior's grave in Westminster Abbey, where the President laid a wreath.

The President and Madame Lebrun will visit No. 10 Downing Street this evening to pay an informal call on Mrs. Chamberlain.—Reuter Bulletin.

Visit to Tomb

London, Mar. 23.

President and Madame Lebrun drove to St. George's Chapel to visit the new tomb of King George V and departed for London at 3.30 p.m.

At 5 p.m. they attended a reception at the National Gallery by the United Association of France and Britain.—United Press.

Dines At Foreign Office

London, Mar. 23.

Before leaving the Royal Borough of Windsor, President Lebrun received an address from the Mayor.

A reception will be given by the United Association to President and Madame Lebrun who are dining at the Foreign Office to-night.—British Wireless.

Philippines

Consular Disagreement Hinted

Manila, Mar. 23.

The possibility of a disagreement between the United States High Commissioner, Mr. Paul McNutt, and the German Consul-General, Herr G. Sakowsky, is forecast pending clarification of the status of the Czech Consulate.

Herr Sakowsky yesterday told the Press that he had not asked Mr. McNutt to recognise him as Czech Consul but that he would "act for the Czech-Slovak Government in accordance with instructions from Berlin," despite the United States non-recognition of the absorption of Bohemia and Moravia.

Possibly in response to Herr Sakowsky's remarks, Mr. McNutt

told the Press: "The German Consul has apparently forgotten that recognition of even his status as Consul for Germany depends on the United States Government."

It is not known whether any official correspondence has been exchanged with regard to this situation.—United Press.

Peiping Government And Economic Control

The agenda of the Provisional Government, which is leaving to-morrow, inviting the Japanese Government to take control of all economic affairs in China.

Trade problems to be discussed will be first, Customs duties on imported rayon, semi-silk and semi-woollen manufactures, electrical machinery, locomotives, agricultural machinery, sea products and fertilisers; second, the standard for assessing Customs rates—the agenda hopes the duties will be made the same as those in Manchukuo, with wool duty-free and coal and charcoal duty-free; third, reduction or abolition of the import-tariff for South China products such as tung oil, which are not produced in North China, but the flour tariff to be kept high to promote production in North China; and fourth, abolition of the Customs gold unit which shall be replaced by Federal Reserve Bank notes.

The agenda hopes that Japanese traders will handle the exports to third countries "since the Chinese merchants are not accustomed to such business."

Imports of Japanese goods are to be speeded up through enlargement of Tangku Harbour and an increase in the number of vessels plying between China and Japan. The Japanese are also asked to supply technical supervisors for Chinese owned factories and to help investigate new markets.

The agenda emphasises the need for industrial co-operation and asks for Japanese technicians and capital to help increase the production of cotton, wheat, tobacco, rice and livestock, and open Chinese mines with the exception of those already controlled.—United Press.

Italy

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY KING

Victor Emanuel Makes Friendly Gesture

Rome, Mar. 23. The King in a speech inaugurating the new Chamber of Fascists and corporations this morning revealed that the Government in a note to the French Government on December 19 laid down the points of difference dividing the countries at that moment.

Agriculture and Forestry Minister Sakurada admitted the inevitability of an eventual surplus of labour, and said that adequate measures would be taken to immigrate agricultural labour to Manchuria and North China.—Domel.

Referring to Britain, the King said that it has been possible to come to an agreement re-creating the situation which the Geneva measures (sanctions) largely compromised. He also mentioned the necessity of continuing and amplifying the armed forces of Italy.

The King paid a tribute to his Government for its efforts towards organising the economic life of Italy, and stated that particularly friendly relations have been established with Albania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Poland and Switzerland.—Reuter Special.

Desire for Peace

Rome, Mar. 23. In his speech the King said, "To develop the resources of our Empire, Italy, although not juggling herself in the illusion of perpetual peace, desires the peace which should last as long as possible. With this aim—that of peace for us and for all our armed forces must be oriented. Much has been done, but much more must be done, because our armaments regarding both quantity and quality both in the air and sea should not be inferior to others. As for men Italy has no preoccupation, and as for their morale, she can be proud of them."

The exceptional expenses sustained by the war in Spain and the war in Africa have imposed extraordinary efforts on the State's finances. This exceptional finance is in relation to an equally exceptional period of our history and that of Europe.

"I have greatly appreciated the efforts of my Government and all economic organisations which have accomplished and are accomplishing to reach the maximum possibilities of economic independence—a condition which is a sine qua non of this policy."—United Press.

No Peace Yet

Rome, Mar. 23. The King concluded his speech by saying that Europe had not yet found peace. This had been proved by the collapse of certain artificial and political structures erected after the world war.

They were living in difficult times which shaped the character of the peoples, said, hence there could be no doubt about the future of the Italian peoples. Italy has been steeling in war and, thanks to its national solidarity, will accomplish the tasks set before it.—Trans-Ocean.

PARIS REACTION

Paris, Mar. 23. Authoritative circles are somewhat puzzled by King Victor Emanuel's speech. It is pointed out that the Italian note of December 17 did not contain precise demands.

A message from Rome states that the King's reference to the note of the 1933 Franco-Italian Treaty.

News of the repudiation became known in Paris on December 22. An impression prevails in Italian political circles that some effort by Britain and France to show that bygones must be bygones is of paramount urgency.

The friendliness reference to Britain, and the absence of feeling of bitterness with regard to France is felt significant.

The sobriety of the reference to the Rome-Berlin axis is also marked.

"The King's reticence cannot fail to arouse notice in Berlin and elsewhere," remarked an Italian listener.—Reuter.

Ask us for some Recipes

Japanese Consul's Statement

Shanghai, Mar. 23. The hope that third Powers will realise how Japan respects their peaceful trading and will therefore co-operate in the establishment of the new order in East Asia was expressed by the Japanese Consul-General at Tsingtao in a statement announcing the re-opening of the outer harbour to foreign shipping from March 25.

Replying to questions at a press conference here, a Japanese spokesman assured a foreign correspondent that the same principle would apply to the Yangtze which would be re-opened to foreign shipping when military necessity permitted.—Reuter.

French Loan Issue

Tokyo, Mar. 23. Viscount Kiko Okochi suggested in the House of Peers yesterday that the Government should take adequate measures for an amicable settlement of the French-Japanese dispute over the payment of interest on the French loan issued by the Tokyo Municipality.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Inoue, said that the issue was whether the interest should be paid in gold francs or paper francs. The Tokyo Municipality was proposing to pay it in paper, while the French authorities were requesting to have it paid in gold.—Domel.

North China

TSINGTAO HARBOUR RE-OPENED

Tsingtao, Mar. 23.

The Japanese Consul-General Mr. Denjirō Kato, officially announced this morning that the great harbour at Tsingtao is being opened to Third Power shipping on and after March 25.—Reuter.

Third Powers' Reaction

Shanghai, Mar. 23. The Japanese authorities indicated to-day the reopening of the Yangtze to foreign shipping, but the date is indefinite and contingent on military necessity.

Meanwhile they announce the re-opening of the port of Tsingtao. Neutral circles point out, however, that Tsingtao has not been opened until after Peiping's currency regulations of March 10 were effective.

Some believe that the Yangtze will be closed until the North China economic restrictions are extended to Central China. It is pointed out that the re-opening of ports and rivers are of minor significance so long as the new economic restrictions are enforced.

Semi-official Japanese sources say that the third Powers' interpretation of the re-opening of Tsingtao as an empty gesture, would probably result in no further gestures.

It is understood that two godownless berths for general cargo and one berth for petroleum cargo will be allocated as a commencement in Tsingtao.—United Press.

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"HOT" FAVOURITES HAD LEAN TIME IN FIRST EXTRA MR. ENCARNACAO SCORES FIRST WIN ON AUSSIE

(By "Captain Foster")

Generally speaking, favourites had a lean afternoon at the First Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held last Saturday, but there was present a good turn out of the regular followers of the turf.

Apart from the good racing and a few juicy dividends which enlivened the meet, Mr. Charlie Encarnacao must have been tickled to death over his success on Chilren, owned by Mr. Eu Tong-sen, in the Handicap (first section) over seven miles, for it was his first winning mount on an Australian pony at Happy Valley. The victory must have warmed the champion jockey's heart, for he was in great form, piloting two more subsequent wins on Rose Elliot and Rose Jane in the Hongkong Handicap, first and second sections respectively, but the chance of securing a "hat trick" on Smiling Thru was nipped in the bud by Silver Star (won by a neck) in Tytan Handicap (second section) ably ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao. The latter had two wins (King Kong and Silver Star), both being in the first and second sections of the Tytan Handicap and incidentally Mr. Tao provided the combination for the daily double betting which paid \$1,054.70 for a five dollar ticket. I have not a long memory, but I think Mr. Tao is now the sixth jockey who rode the two winners in the daily double events.

Messrs. Eu Tong-sen and T. E. Pearce were the most successful owners, each having two wins. It was a pity that Desert Chief could not accept the Hongkong Handicap (first section) as the chestnut gelding was under suspicion, but it is to be hoped that he will soon be donning the silk. Mr. Eu

Tong-sen's Smiling Thru, who was the second best 1000 sub-grill, has not appeared in public after his successful run in the Sub-Grill Plate on September 24 and I hear he is still under the care of a vet.

STARTING SOON

There are in addition a few good ones such as Cameronian, Confusion Bay, Dawn Star, Half-Moon Eve and Happy Eve who did not face the starter at the Annual Carnival, but I trust that they will weigh out at the Easter session.

It may be of interest to know that Mr. Eric Moller's Navylight, who pulled up lame after running second to Rose Elect in the Hongkong Derby, is now in Shanghai and it is reliably learned that the mare will not be seen in action until after the recess.

It has been represented to me on good authority that Hetman, belonging to the Chairman of the Club, and Trentbridge, owned by Mrs. T. E. Pearce, have been destroyed, the latter being the winner of the 1933, Blue Ribard.

Among the Australian ponies, Mr. Li Lan-sang's Courting Eve is back on the course, but I have not as yet seen Mr. J. F. Macgregor's Strathroy who has spent the winter in Franklin. I hear that Electron (the property of three Medicos) is in a very bad condition and there is a possibility of destroying the animal.

China Ponies Provide Useful Information For Future Racing

Last Saturday's racing was not only excellent, but gave us some good line for the future. The running of some China ponies, especially among the batch of subscription griffins of this season, showed clearly the difference between handicap and class form.

After a sequence of five unsuccessful outings, Mr. G. Treverton rode a clever race on the winner, Avon, to Sir Valentine Gray in the Lutetia Stakes over six furlongs, beating Peaceful View with Mr. K. J. In up by a neck. It was a novice event, the jockeys being penalised with a penalty of 2 lbs for each race won and in the circumstance Mr. Treverton had a pull of six pounds. The jockey on Peaceful View made the running at the release of the barrier followed by Avon and the first quarter was covered in 20½ seconds, while the champion course and the success was no doubt in some degree due to the fine handling of the pony by Mr. Encarnacao who timed his mount to a nicely. The mare's performance was wonderful because the jockey carried an excess of 8 lbs over the allotment and Rose Jane accounted for the much-fancied Tam Bay by a length and a half.

A SURPRISE

The glorious uncertainty of racing was witnessed in the Tytan Handicap (first section) over a mile for China ponies, subscription griffins, when Musketeer (who finished third) went under badly to King Kong and Strathbannock. It was certainly a big surprise for King Kong as the pony had only a win at the Annual Race Meeting. It must, however, not be overlooked that King Kong had a pull of 23 lbs against Musketeer and the difference of weights was too much for the Valley Stakes winner to concede. Apart from the interest shown in the first handicap event, with a field containing winners and placed subscription griffins of the season, Musketeer was selected by the betting public as the best kill of the afternoon.

The students of form poured out money like water on the chestnut charger and the fighter was backed to the tune of 2,123 tickets for a win out of a total sum of over 4,000 odd. However, the result of this classic handicap event showed that Musketeer, Orange Boven and Porthrus could not carry extra lead over the weight for inches as per scale. Contrary to expectations, Chatterbox refused to line up, but 15 racers weighed out and the mile was run in 2.01% which was an amazing performance.

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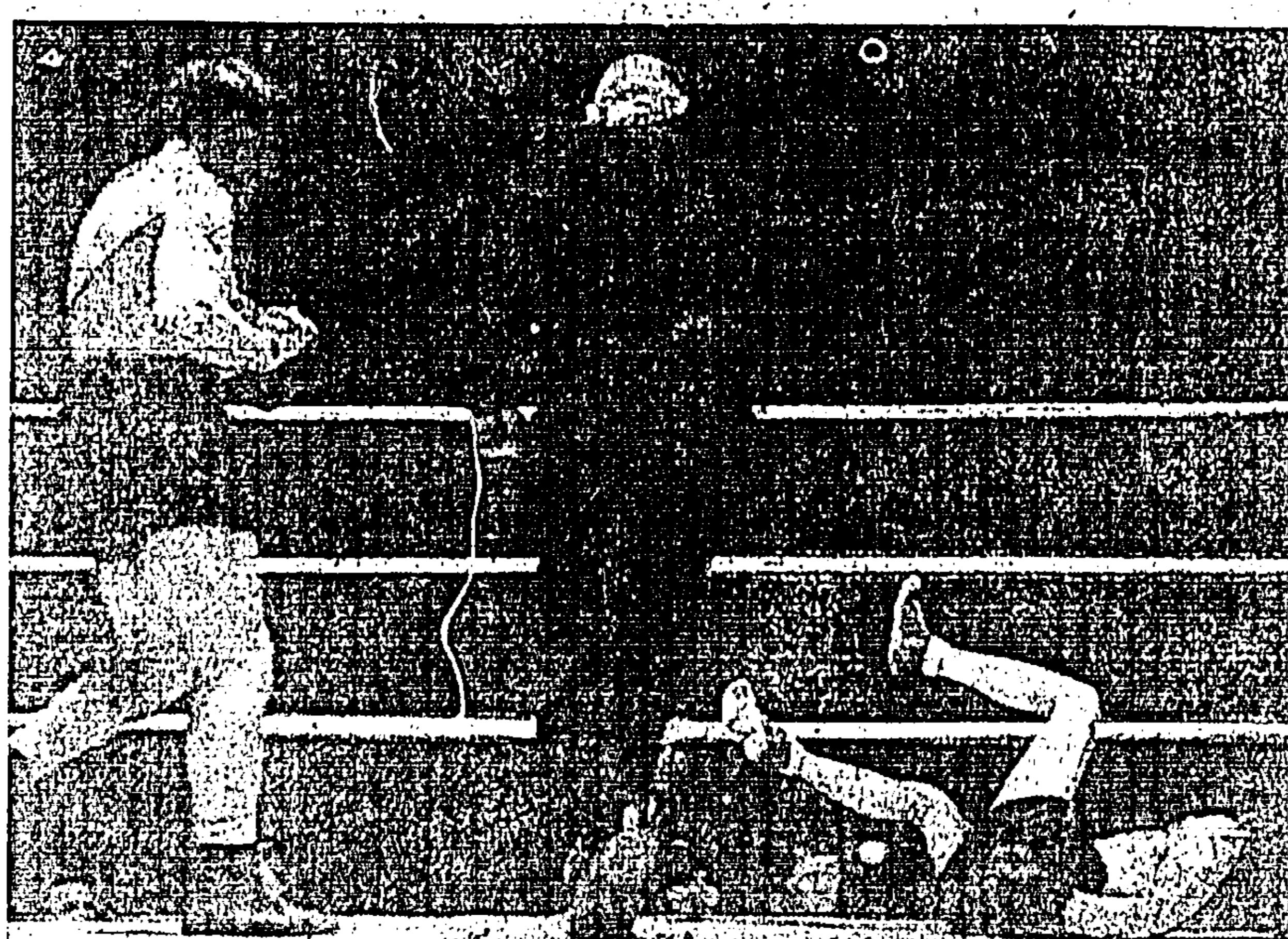
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ODD GOAL IN SEVEN SETTLES ISSUE OF SENIOR SOCCER TIE



Picture shows the finish of the recent fight between Eric Boon and Arthur Danahar for the lightweight championship of Great Britain. Boon, the champion, has just sent his opponent crashing to the canvas and the referee intervenes awarding the fight to the title-holder.

FINE WEATHER AND GOOD GOING FOR GRAND NATIONAL

Many Horses Expected To Finish In The Race

With an outsider, Squadron Castle, winning the first leg of the spring double, book-makers are sitting pretty over the Grand National, especially as the race is considered one of the most open in many years with no horse competing comparable with giants of the past like Manifesto and Cloister.

Fine weather and good going are likely to result in a large number of finishers and there will be no debacle this year, when only two finished.

One of the most interesting runners will be Drim, who finished the course last year. He will be ridden by the young amateur jockey Mr. Jack Morris, who has only recently taken up riding. Mr. Morris will win £7,500 for an outlay of £71 if Drim wins. He found layers to wager 100 to 60 against him completing the first circuit, 500 to 10 against him getting over the first fence and 1,000 to one against him winning the race.

A lot of late money has been wagered recently on Blue Shirt, who finished seventh last year when starting as a joint favourite. He was backed to win £11,000 last night.—Reuter.

Kilstar Still The Favourite

London, Mar. 23. The following is the latest call-over:

8/1 Kilstar (t. and o.)
10/1 Workman (t. and o.)
10/1 Royal Danell (t. and o.)
100/8 Temewillow (t. and o.)
100/7 Royal Mail (o.), 100/6 (t.)
100/6 Blue Shirt (o.), 18/1 (t.)
20/1 Inversible (o.), 25/1 (t.)
22/1 Rockquilla (t. and o.)
25/1 Cooleen (t. and o.)
25/1 Brendan's Cottage (t. and o.)
28/1 Underbid (t. and o.)
28/1 Macmofat (t. and o.)
28/1 St. George (o.), 30/1 (t.)
30/1 Dunhill Castle (t. and o.)
35/1 Perfect Part (o.), 40/1 (t.)
40/1 Dominick's Cross (t. and o.)
40/1 Montrejeau (o.)
40/1 War Vessel (o.), 45/1 (t.)
40/1 Milano (o.)
40/1 Red Freeman (o.)
50/1 Black Hawk (o.)
50/1 Red Hillman (o.)
50/1 Sporting Piper (o.)
60/1 Bachelor Prince (o.)
60/1 Synamethis (o.)
60/1 Pencraik (o.)
60/1 Lucky Penny (o.)
60/1 Lucky Patch (o.), 80/1 (t.)
80/1 West Point (o.), 100/1 (t.)
100/1 Drim (t. and o.)
100/1 Birth Gift (o.)
100/1 Memericht (o.)
100/1 Second Act (o.)
100/1 Denys (o.)

JOCKEYS ASSIGNED

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Hislop will ride Sporting Piper in the Grand National. Elder will take out Lucky Patch. Scratchley will ride Pencraik. Jockeys for the other horses are as previously announced. Joyval Judge has been scratched.—Reuter.

Aldine Wins Liverpool Handicap

London, Mar. 23. The Liverpool Hurdle Handicap over two miles and one furlong resulted in a win for Aldine, starting at 4/1, with Ides, 20/1, second and Santayana, 100/6 third.

Aldine ran in the race.

Aldine won by four lengths and two lengths separated second and third.

Aldine was fourth in the Lincolnshire Handicap race yesterday.—Reuter.

RUGGER RELATIONS PATCHED UP

Britain And France Bury Hatchet

Paris, Mar. 23. The "olive branch" extended by four British Rugby Unions in an effort to resume rugby relations with France is welcomed by sporting circles here.

The newspaper Auto hails the letter from the British Unions as a "joyful thunder-clap in the rugby world," but states that everything was by no means settled. It points out that the French Federation is holding an extraordinary meeting on Sunday to discuss the letter and its terms, which included the abandonment of the French Championship which hitherto had been the chief obstacle to resuming matches.

It is understood the conditions also included permanent suspension of managers who paid or are still paying players or that managers and players who have been concerned with the Professional League should not be reinstated by the French Federation which must also observe the International Board's Rules, namely "A player ordered off should not be allowed to return to the field."

M. Laurent, Secretary of the French Federation, says all conditions are easily acceptable and believed the Federation will suggest that England and France play in Paris on January 1, 1940.—Reuter.

Rugger Matches At Home

London, Mar. 23. The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby Union to-day:

Birkenhead Park 9 Blackheath 13 Bath 3 Weston-Super-Mare 7 —Reuter.

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following teams are specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

Leeds
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Tottenham
Bournmouth
Barnsley
Bradford C.
Oldham
Stockport

Optional Selections

Coventry
Southampton
West Bromwich
Southend
Lincoln

All-India Team To Play Recreio

The following have been chosen to represent the All-India XI in friendly hockey game against the Club de Recreio on Sunday, March 26 at 10.15 a.m. sharp on the Recreio ground:

C. S. Sen-Gupta (H.K. University);
Gusen Singh (Kumaon Rifles);
Datta Ram (Raj. Rifles); M. R. Malik (K.I.T.C.); Lall Singh (Kumaon Rifles); M. H. Hassan (Radio); Hav. Shah Wali (Raj. Rifles); Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.); Lt. Pritham (Raj. Rifles); Captain Nerali Singh (Kumaon-Rifles).

K.C.C. Team To Play Police

The following will represent the K.C.C. in a second division league cricket match against the Police at Happy Valley to-morrow.

W. Mulchy (captain), T. A. Madar, F. A. Broadbridge, S. A. Gray, B. D. Lay, G. A. Goodman, G. E. Taylor, J. R. Luke, W. L. McKenzie, R. Baldwin, and R. A. Simpson. Umpire: H. Brookeshire.



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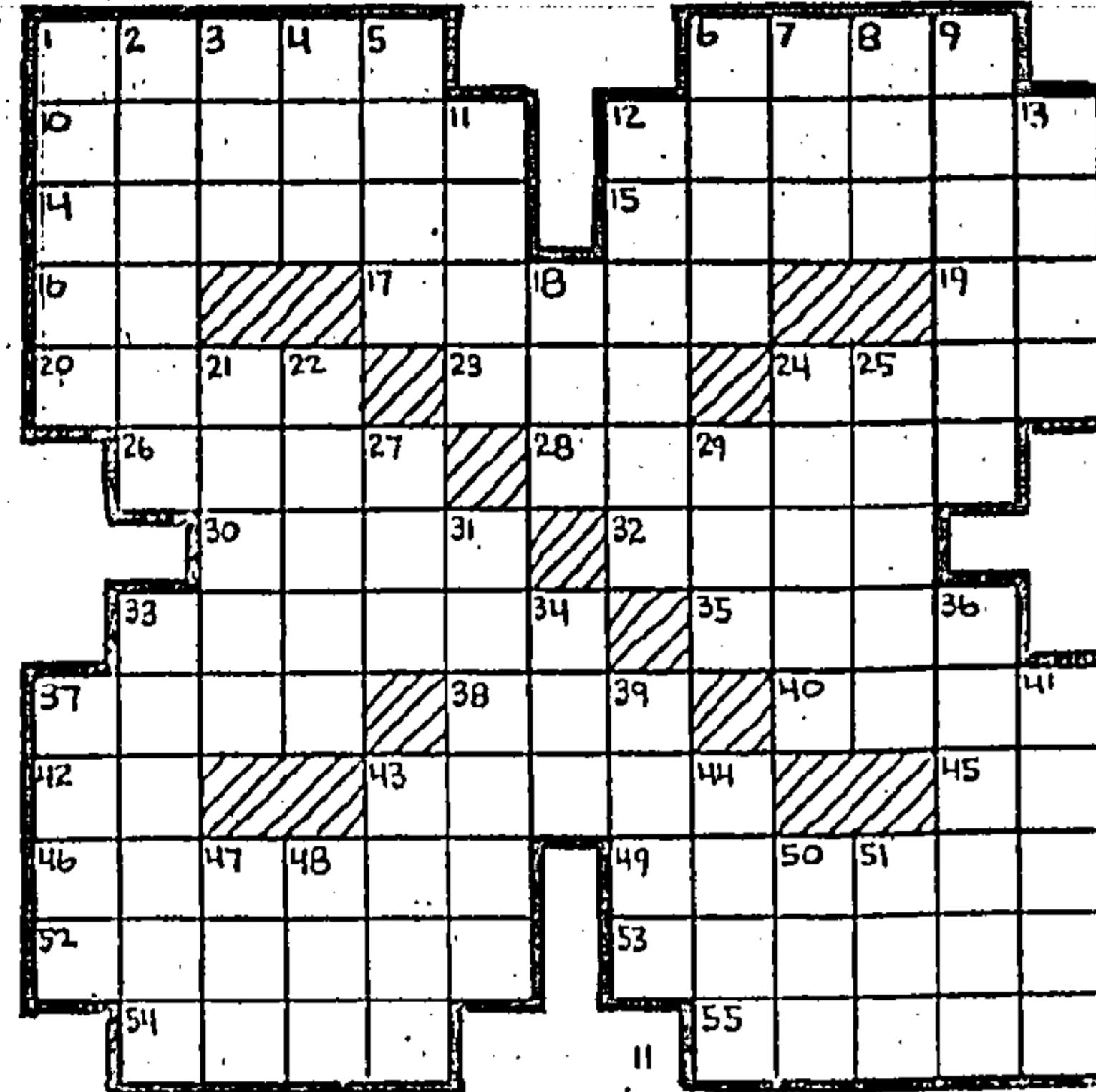
Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1-Turn aside	8-Before
2-Journey	9-Miles
3-Groves	10-French
4-Magician's word for	11-Three-spot
5-Pate of the 18th	12-Over-convoluted
6-Amendment	13-Otherwise
7-Killed	14-Previous experience
8-Hair	15-Legal
9-Neck	16-Prudent
10-Watering place	17-Prudent
11-Tard	18-Prudent
12-Tea	19-Herbs
13-Moral science	20-Herbs
14-Cleaning dot	21-Herbs
15-Hillside	22-Leg
16-Holiday	23-Pain
17-How	24-Pain
18-Kindly	25-Pain
19-Knack suitable	26-Herbs
20-Empress of India	27-Herbs
21-Emperor of India	28-Herbs
22-Union of Socialist	29-Herbs
23-Soviet Republics	30-Herbs
24-Placid	31-Herbs
25-Blunted	32-Herbs

1-Tear 62-Deep gash
2-Deep gash DOWN
3-Trembling 50-Dreaded tone on
4-Pertaining to spring 51-Intimacy
51-Desert agent



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In the evening we are all going in for fancy dress, and, what is more, we are getting used to it; in the daytime we swing along in little-girl frocks, so gay and youthful, with their wide skirts and closely-fitting little bodices.

Funny part of it—most of our little-girl frocks are a type of fancy dress, too.

Don't misunderstand me, by fancy dress I don't mean anything extraordinary or only fit for costume dances. For the true interpretation of the term "fancy dress" is really a style which has made history in the past but which has now gone out of fashion.

But this season many period styles are highlights of fashion again.

MOST popular daytime fashions of the moment, as you know, are modifications of the various picturesque peasant styles worn in parts of Normandy, Brittany, Italy and in Central Europe generally.

And I can't help thinking that all the little peasant girls who still keep to their traditional costume must be very proud to think that smart women are copying their frocks to-day.

LOOK, for instance, at the charming peasant frock shown in the sketch and compare it with the original peasant style shown in the background. Haven't they many points in common?

And hasn't the modern designer given a touch of modern sophistication to his interpretation of a simple peasant gown?

The dress is in a beautifully soft angora fabric.

THE other frock is most becoming, graceful and unique. The style is a craze of the moment in the States. It is cut all in one with a belt at the waist to regulate the fullness, and a modified cowl neckline.

You can see its inspiration in the background—the habit of a monk.

Very popular this Spring are lovely print frocks in an all-over floral design, and in the most glorious colourings.

SHORT CUTS

The flesh of fish will remain white and firm in boiling if a tablespoonful of vinegar is added to the water.

Do not use abrasives in cleaning the refrigerator. Use mild soap and warm water. A solution of bicarbonate of soda in warm water will sweeten the atmosphere inside the box.

Useful Hints

To prevent lumps in gravy, add a pinch of salt to the flour used for thickening before mixing it with water.

When scrambling eggs, add a little dry, ready-to-serve cereal to the batter, for larger portions and an improved flavour.

Place a Turkish towel over the table end of the sewing machine when sewing on silk material. It will keep the silk from slipping.

BEES GET BEACH VACATION

Sydney, Australia. Seaside vacation for overworked bees have been adopted in Australia. As a result of dry conditions which caused the collapse of some apiaries, millions of bees are now being transferred to the seaside at Rosebud for recuperation. They seem to enjoy the seaside air.



You can see the story behind these two frocks in their actual background. The one on the left is one of the fashionable peasant styles, with a two-colour contrast on the bodice. The one on the right is of monkish inspiration. Both are typically 1939.—(Selfridge.)

Children Who Look Too Far Ahead

THERE are many children in our schools and nurseries who get little pleasure from what they are doing at the moment because of too great an anticipation of what lies ahead. Something went wrong evidently with the early home training of these young people. Or, perhaps, neither parents or nurses realized that small children can be taught to concentrate.

To arouse the concentrative habit we must first get a child's interest, and this can only be maintained for a relatively short time with young children. Play usually occupies much of a child's life before he is of school age and here, unless we provide too many toys, is an opportunity of getting a child to stick to one game at a time without worrying about what he is going to play afterwards.

Many modern nurseries contain so many playthings that the owner often discards the lot after a short interval and inquire, "What can I do next?" Children love change of occupation, but they must learn to persevere and concentrate, and the child who has acquired these habits before he goes to school stands a better chance of making good progress in scholastic endeavour.

To-morrow Can Take Care of Itself Every young child should be encouraged to put his mind and efforts on what he is doing at the moment. To-day and now are all important. To-morrow should be left to take care of itself where young children are concerned, and yet many parents think otherwise.

Often new children at school know that they are only there for a short time, so they form a habit of not worrying too much about the school work they are to do in the meantime. It is unwise to tell a child that he is to leave a certain school next term or the term after, unless every home influence is brought to bear on impressing him to do his best at his present school.

A better plan is to allow a child to work without having to worry about the future. It is sufficient if

the teachers know of future movements of the child. Frequently a child's work deteriorates immediately he hears that he is leaving his present school. Often, quite unconsciously, the child is worried and anxious.

One day, certainly some years ahead, children will of necessity have to arrange fixtures ahead for themselves. But then they should be wiser than they are to-day. Today we wish them to concentrate on the thing they should be doing at the moment and pay no attention to anything else. Only by this can they get the best out of work and play.

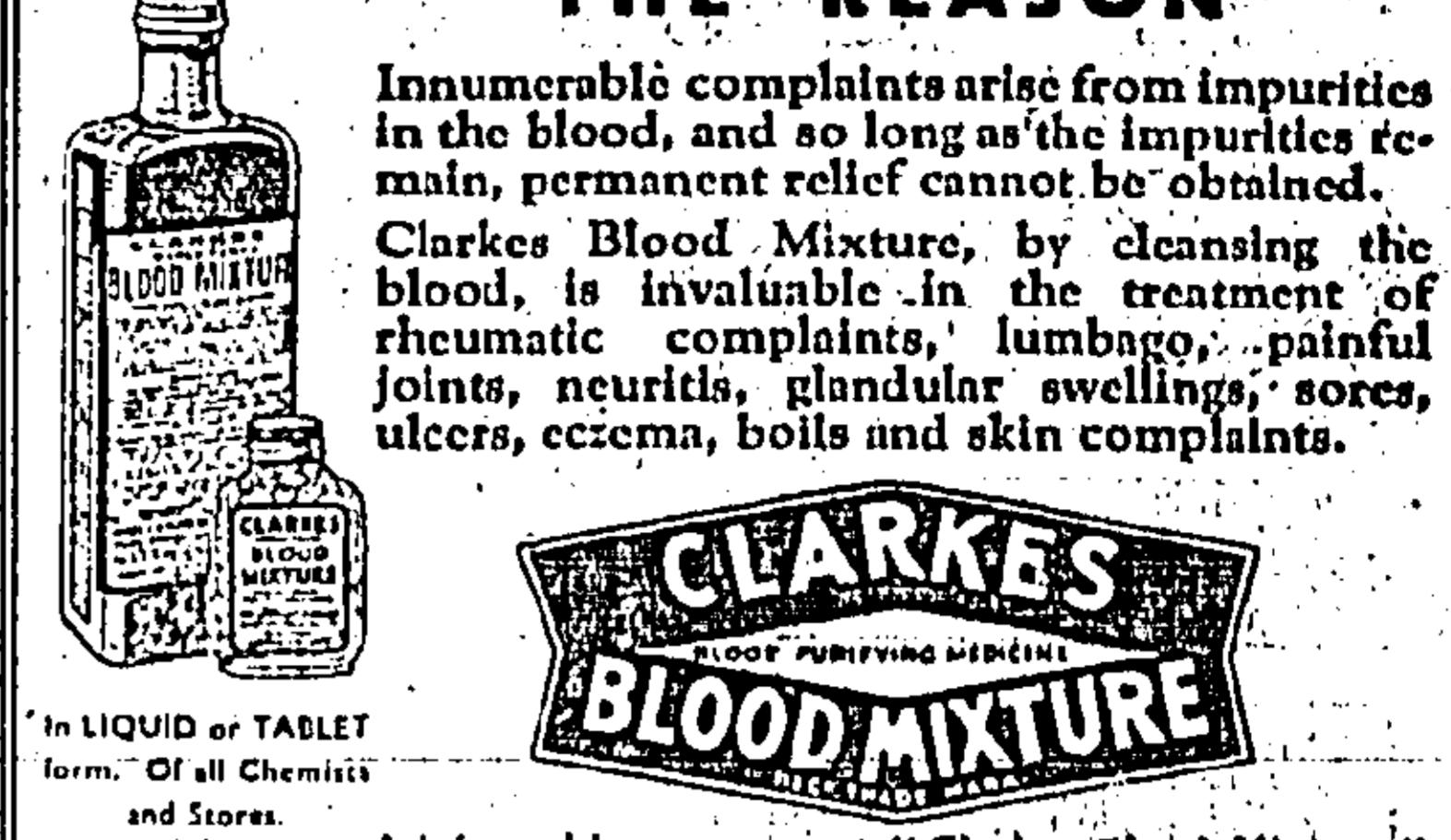
When they have learnt this excellent habit they can concentrate on the next activity.

Tiring of Toys Perhaps you know a small boy who gets half a dozen toys out of his cupboard, plays with them for a few minutes, then pushes them on one side and returns to his cupboard for more. If you do, take him in hand. Put all the toys away except one he chooses for himself as the favourite, and lock the others away. Then try to become a boy yourself. Get down on the floor and show him the possibilities, still unfathomed by him, which the toy possesses. Perhaps he is tired of building castles with his bricks. Show him how to build a church.

When the church is completed and not before, encourage him to try to construct something else. An inventive child can do wonders with the box of bricks. Most children will need to develop the patience and concentration can be developed when parents take a lively interest in their children.

Any child who has acquired the habit of thinking of what he is doing at the moment, who can concentrate on one thing at a time and finish that before asking, "What can I do next?" is almost sure of success in later life.

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SEVEN MEN were drowned when the St. Ives lifeboat capsized off the Cornish coast recently. It had been launched in a terrific sea to go to the aid of an unknown vessel. William Freeman, the only survivor of the crew of eight, was washed ashore. Here is a page of pictures which show the lifeboat, the John and Sarah Eliza Styx, high and dry on the Godrevy Rocks with its hull stove in and its superstructure a mass of tangled wreckage.

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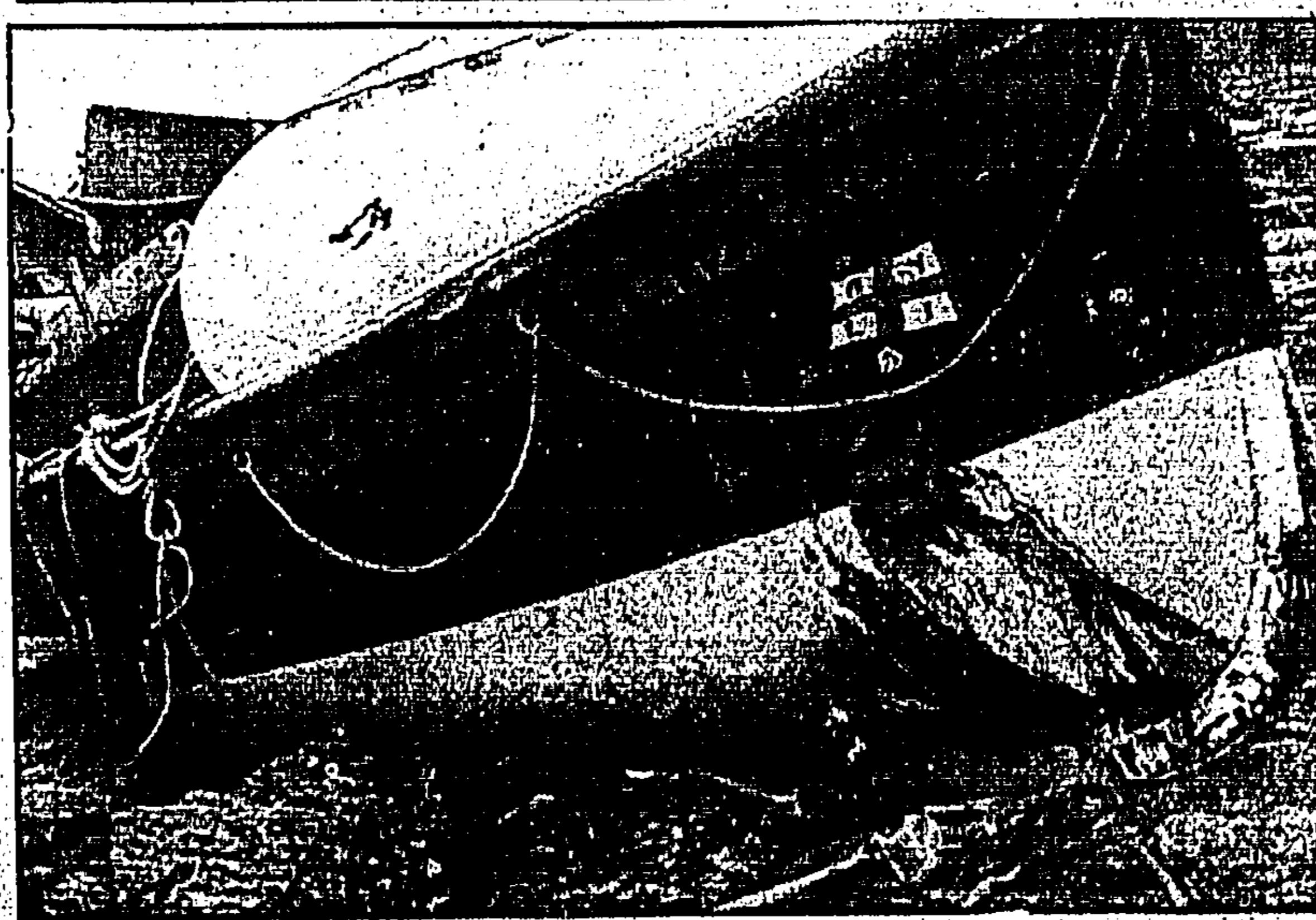
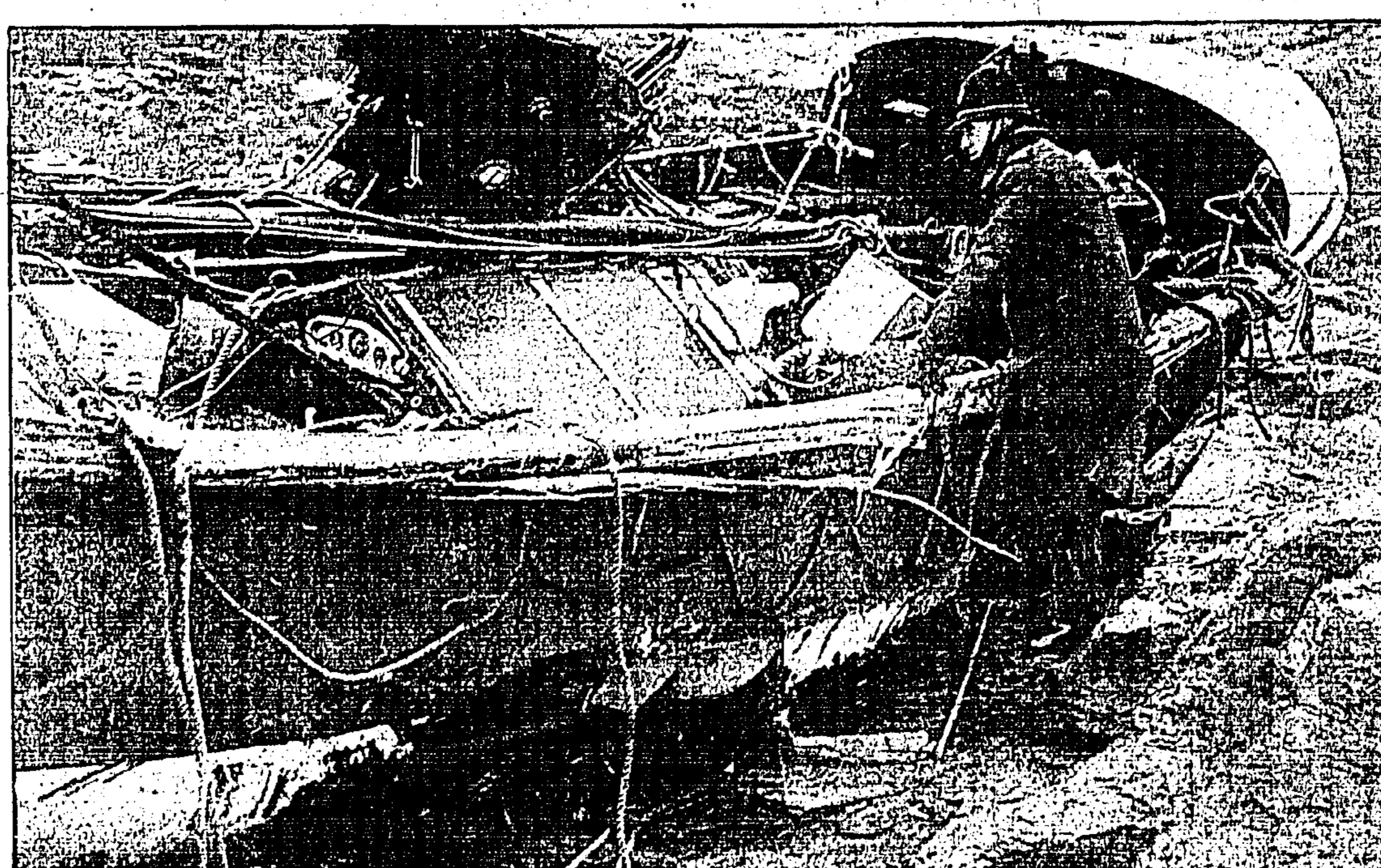
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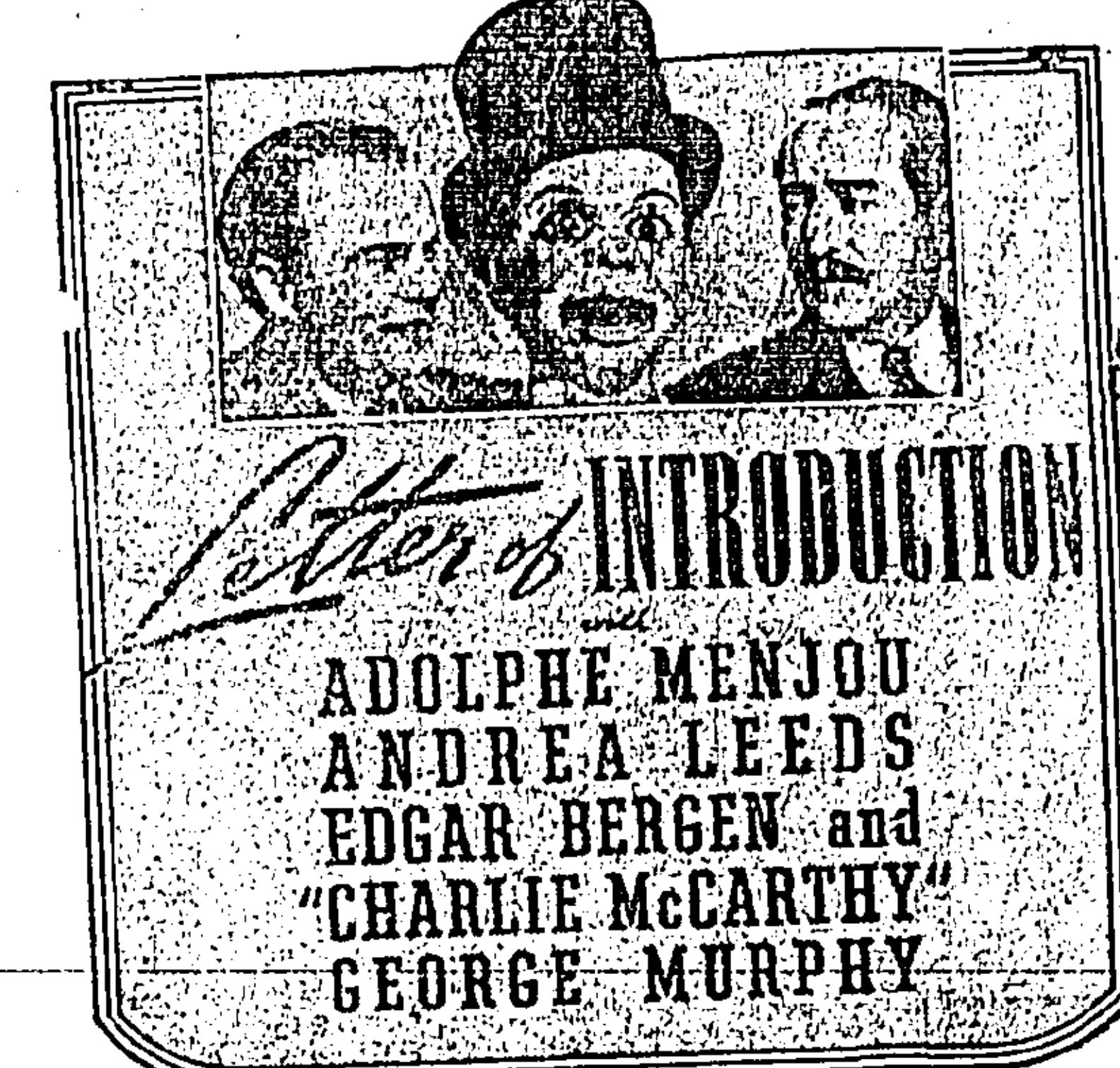
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Social Season Winding Up

Dream Dancing Novelty At Gloucester Hotel

Hongkong's 1938-39 social season is rapidly drawing to a close in a whirlwind of gaiety.

While La Perle et Jean Var have been drawing large audiences and winning acclamation at the Hongkong Hotel with their Spanish dances, Frances and Fred, a brilliant combination from Europe, are delighting Gloucester Hotel patrons with a new and novel technique in exhibition interpretations of the waltz, tango and rumba.

Known as "dream dancing," they perform their amazingly intricate steps and sequences without making a sound, added effect being given by the "planissimo" playing of the orchestra.

Frances performs some dramatic steps, and both she and her partner are completely polished in all their acts. "Dream Dancing" brings a delightful novelty to Hongkong's socialites.

President's Visit Draws To Close

London, Mar. 23. The State visit of the President of the French Republic ends to-morrow. To-night President and Madame Lebrun, together with the King and Queen, Queen Mary, and other members of the Royal Family, leading Ministers of State, and Ambassadors and Ministers at the Court of St. James attended a banquet given at the Foreign Office by the Foreign Secretary and Lady Halifax.—British Wireless.

Schuschnigg To Gain Freedom

Vienna, Mar. 23. It is expected that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, will be released in two or three weeks time.—Reuter Special.

Bluecher Dropped By Soviet

Moscow, Mar. 23. The list of the new Political Bureau just announced includes M. Stalin, M. Andreyevich, M. Voroshilov, M. Zhdanov, M. Kaganovich, M. Kalinin, M. Kiliyan, M. Molotov, M. Khrushchev, M. Beria, and M. Shvernik. Field-Marshal Bluecher is among prominent figures eliminated from the Bureau.—Reuter.

Bomb Explosion In Coventry

COVENTRY, Mar. 23. A bomb exploded in one of the main streets here at 7.15 a.m. today, blowing a huge hole, demolishing a lamp-post and shattering windows within a radius of 200 yards.

There were no casualties, as the street was deserted at time.—United Press.

"Mein Kampf" Has New Edition

London, Mar. 23. The first unabridged edition of Herr Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was published to-day by Hurst and Blackett.

The book, which was translated by James Murphy, is sold at 8s. 6d. An abridged edition of "Mein Kampf" was published in London shortly after Hitler took over power, but had to be withdrawn three years ago at the request of the German publishers.—Trans-Ocean.

FALSE FIRE ALARM

A fire alarm, believed to be from Elgin Street, was received by the Fire Station at 11.20 a.m. but when fire appliances arrived on the scene, it turned out to be false.

INGENOHL'S GRAND CORONA



Better Sentiment On Stock Exchange

London, Mar. 23. A respite from unfavorable European developments caused a generally better sentiment on the London Stock Exchange to-day, with prices steadily improving under the lead of gilt-edged holdings and Kaffra.

Subsequently there was a general support.

Among commodities, metals were slightly firmer, with a rather brighter outlook.

The foreign exchanges were quiet and narrow, apart from the Swiss franc, which, after considerable fluctuations, closed stronger.

Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter Special.

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Threat To A.R.P. Denied No 'Merger' With The Police

AIR-RAID wardens, though police controlled, are not to be merged with the police force.

That was the promise given recently by Sir John Anderson, after a Home Office conference.

Many complaints have been made that the change of control of A.R.P. wardens would seriously affect present organisations. There were also suggestions that police control would tend towards militarisation of A.R.P.

At the conference with representatives of outer London authorities, Sir Philip Game, Commissioner of Police, said that he had agreed to accept the new responsibility only if the air raid wardens' organisation were kept separate from the police.

Sir John Anderson emphasised that it was never contemplated that the existing air raid wardens service should be scrapped, merged with the police, or lose its identity.

In a statement to the "Daily Herald" on the question of police control of wardens, Mr. Herbert Morrison said:

"The proposal was approved by a majority of the Metropolitan Borough Standing Joint Committee which consists of three representatives from each of the Metropolitan Borough Councils. Within that majority was a substantial majority of Labour representatives.

"The question is one of effective administration, and in the light of their experiences I gather that most of our people took the view that the police organisation is more suited to the job and would be administrative, more effective."

"Moreover, many of the duties of the A.R.P. wardens are not dissimilar from the civil and humanitarian duties of the police."

"When the police take over the warden services, the Police Commissioner will be responsible to the Home Secretary, and the Home Secretary directly responsible to Parliament."

"In the Provinces it is quite common for the wardens to be under the direction of the Chief Constable. That greatly impressed those who took this decision."

By 170 votes to 122, London Trades Council has refused co-operation in the Government's voluntary register scheme for civil defence, on the ground of opposition to Government policy.

Napoleon Said It And Our Army Is Doing It Better Than Any Other

ARMY food and Army cooks have improved by leaps and bounds since the war days.

Now, at the request of the War Office, the L.C.C., Higher Education Committee have started a course for army cooks at the Westminster Technical Institute.

Up to 24 men are to take a series of practical lessons covering 12 weeks.

"WEST END" TEST

The passing-out test will be to cook a dinner equal in flavour and variety to that at a West End hotel, with the difference that it will have to show a minimum of waste.

Successful students will receive grants all over the country.

Work has begun on a £140,000 Army school of cookery at Aldershot.

MARCHES ON ITS STOMACH

A War Office spokesman said: "All this is more than justified by the increased staying-power, health and temper of the men."

"We believe that no country has an army which could outstay the modern British Tommy."

"It is our boast that the soldiers never see the same menu two days running."

"They have rationing committees in every battalion for dealing with suggestions."

THREE HOT MEALS

"The new portable kitchens, which burn oil-fuel, are so designed that when troops are on the march, the longer they march the hotter the food gets."

"Every soldier gets three hot meals a day, and often a high tea as well."

Rabbit Fights Dogs And Likes His Beer

A lion living in a back-garden at Pinner, Middlesex, and a bear kept as a pet by a family in Croydon made news recently.

But the strangest pet is a rabbit that drinks beer and fights stray dogs.

Bill is his name. He came to London four years ago, a pet for the twelve-year-old son of Mr. Frank Harding, manager of a public house in Marylebone High-street, W.

He was put in a neat hutch in the cellar. Next morning he was found outside the hutch—in a drunken stupor.

He had been drinking beer that dripped from the barrels.

Spot, the family fox terrier, walked down into the cellar two hours later and Bill, by this time burdened with a hang-over, attacked him.

The terrier, fat with easy living, ran from the cellar yelping with fright.

Bill has bullied him ever since. Sometimes Bill does tricks in the saloon bar for the customers. He can take the lid off a biscuit barrel, overturn the barrel and eat a piece of sponge cake.

He can drink a glass of milk without spilling it, and he can do a juggling trick with a bunch of keys.

TAKE HIM AWAY'

His fans tell of the time when a woman went into the bar with a cocker spaniel. She was alone until customers in the other bars heard her screaming: "Take your rabbit off my dog!"

The cocker, backed into a corner, was being kicked and bitten by Bill. Bill's young life nearly ended, though, when he attacked a greyhound in Marylebone High-street recently.

He had to run 150 yards for home and safety, the greyhound about three feet behind him all the way.

Mr. Harding has not let Bill out into the street since then.

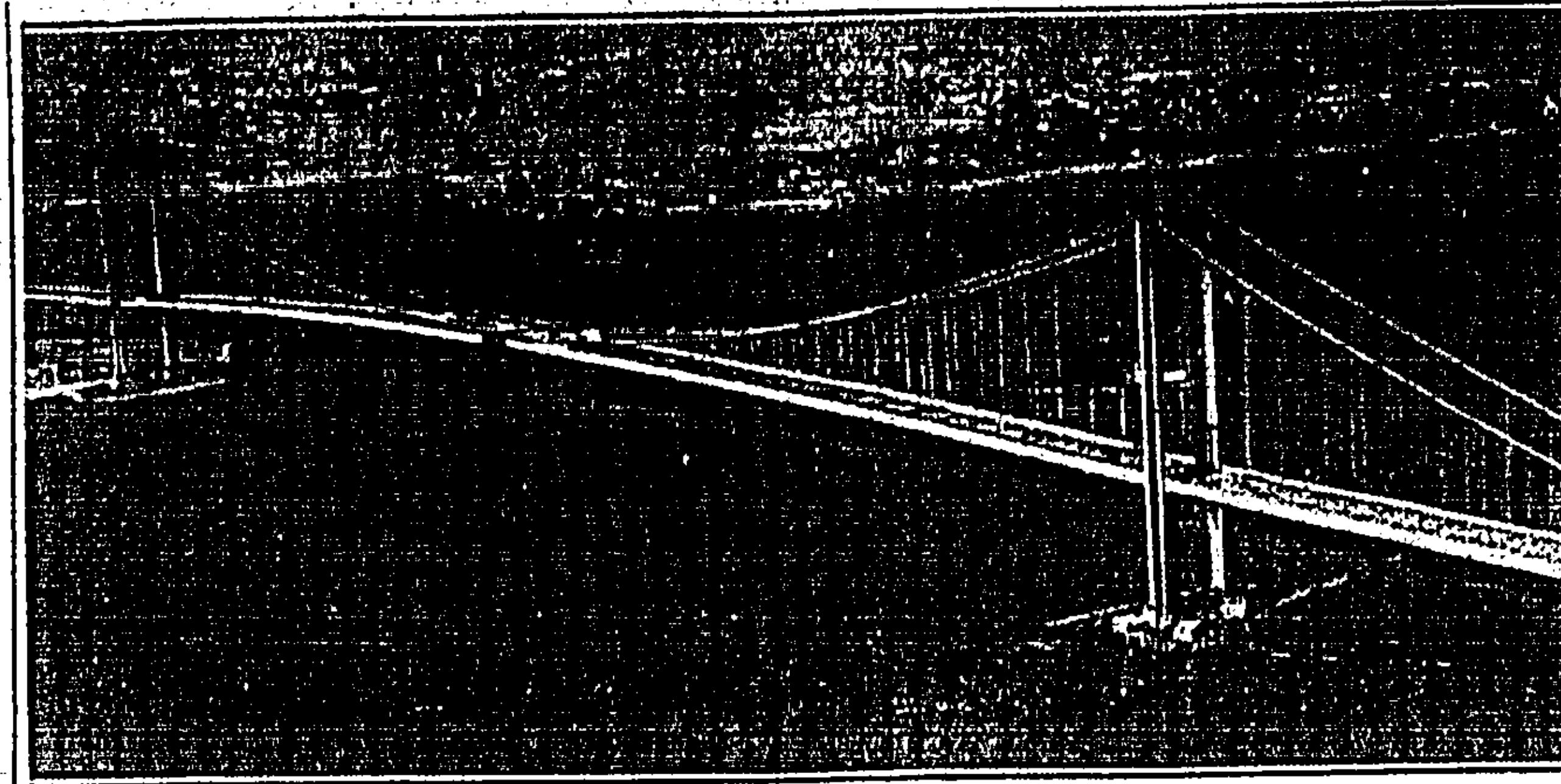
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EMPIRE NEWS NATIONAL REGISTER FOR AUSTRALIA

Sydney. The Federal Cabinet, meeting at Hobart, considered defence questions in the light of the recent report by Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner in London.

It was decided to establish immediately a voluntary national register as a guide to man power and the industrial and food production capacity of the Commonwealth. The register will include both men and women.

It is believed that a voluntary basis was decided on because such a register can be drawn up more rapidly.

A committee has been appointed to consider large expansion in liquid fuel storage.

Ministers stated that it was impossible to buy a capital warship, as Britain could not spare one. A British expert will probably be invited to advise Sydney on the site for a battleship dock.

Antarctic Research.—Members of the Cabinet had informal discussions with Mr. Lincoln Ellsworth, the American explorer, who arrived at Hobart from the Antarctic. The Government is expected to buy Mr. Ellsworth's ship, Wyatt Earp, for use by an Australian expedition to the Antarctic at some later date.

NEW ZEALAND

SPEED URGED IN DEFENCE PLANS

Referring to the Dominion's defence needs, the New Zealand Herald states that speed is the essence of the preparations. The Government is pre-occupied with social and economic security without national security. The Dominion at present lacks self-reliance. Isolation is no excuse. The Devonport naval base at Auckland is suitable for reefs which are at present being carried out in England, with a great waste of time. The paper urges the formation of a naval auxiliary force.

SOUTH AFRICA

BIG CAPE WATER STORAGE PROJECT

Cape Town. An ambitious hydro-electric, water storage and irrigation scheme based on the construction of a huge dam near Villiersdorp, in the Western Province of the Cape, is now receiving the attention of the Irrigation Department of the Union Government.

This scheme would make available an additional water supply for Cape Town, and would also supply current to surrounding districts, including Hermanus, Caledon and Worcester.

The dam would have a capacity of 4,000,000,000 gallons.

Zulu War Veteran's Death.—The death has occurred at Dundee, at the age of 82, of Thomas Henry Cunningham, a friend of Rider Haggard and a survivor of Isandlwana.

No National Register.—The South African Government has no intention

Job Is Waiting For a New Swiss Family Robinson

THE Swiss-Family-Robinson kind of story gets an up-to-date twist in the news of the quest of the National Trust for a warden to live on the Calf of Man (writes Stanley Baron).

In the book, you remember, it was Mr. Robinson who decided he wanted no more of civilisation. And what Robinson said, in the dutiful eighteen-hundreds, went.

But the Calf of Man will be an affair of woman.

So strongly do the National Trust feel on the subject that after going through more than a thousand applications and reducing the list to two or three, they have decided to send the final candidates, with wives, over to the island to see conditions for themselves.

1,500 Told To Try Nursing

Fifteen hundred school-girls, faces eagerly upturned, listened attentively at the Guild-hall recently while a pretty, uniformed probationer nurse explained to them through an microphone why nursing was one of the finest professions they could take up.

"If you talk to the average nurse," said Miss Helen Few (who is at London Hospital), "you will find her a cheerful person, interested in her work and getting the best out of life."

Queen Mary was about to leave to attend an over-flowing wedding, but she was so interested that she waited till the end of Miss Few's speech.

Most of her audience were girls from big London and provincial secondary schools. Most of them will sit for their school certificate examinations in the summer.

BETTER CONDITIONS

Mr. H. L. Eason, tall principal of London University, told them: "Conditions of nursing are changing very rapidly to meet the changing conditions of the world. They are going to be made more attractive."

There was only one nurse, he said, to every 300 of the population.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Lang, read a message to the girls from Queen Mary, which ended:

"I appeal to the girls of the country to ask themselves whether they may not find in this great profession not only a career of interest and usefulness but one of the truest and noblest forms of national service."

"I decided to be a nurse long before to-day," one girl said afterwards.

"It will be hard work, but great fun."

BUSY LIFE AT 85

TOONGABBY, Australia. Robert Ferguson was too busy on his 85th birthday to do anything more than just carry on his regular work—that of running a five acre farm single-handed. He attends to his orchard, picks and packs all his fruit and other products, milks nine cows twice daily and during the past few months has re-painted three houses.

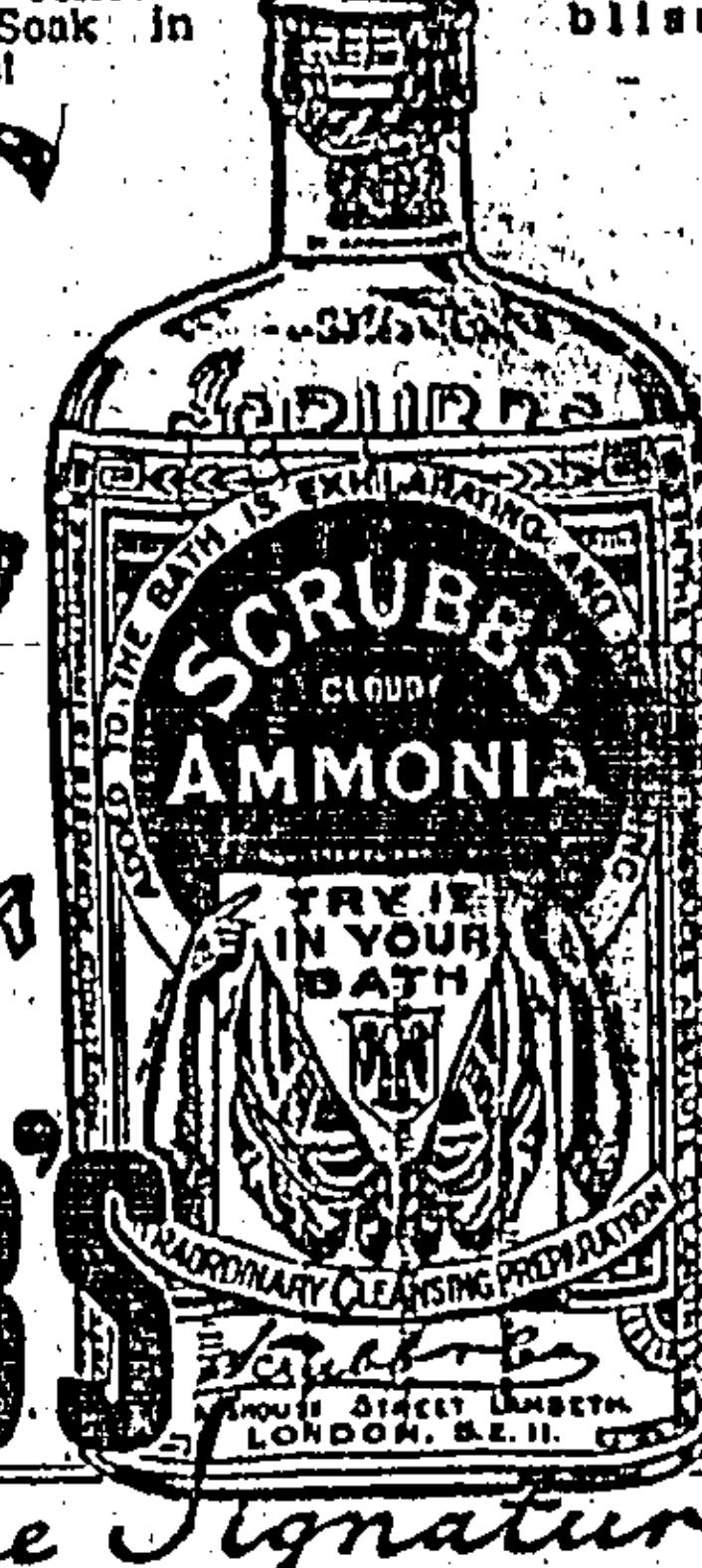
Smuggling In China

LONDON. Mr. Day asked a further question in the House of Commons recently regarding smuggling in China when he enquired whether any action had been taken by the Government to safeguard the position, which had recently arisen by the continued smuggling in China and what the Government intended to do.

Mr. Butler replied that while the Government naturally viewed with disfavour all evasions of payment of Customs duties in China, no reports of smuggling had been received since the reply he gave to Mr. Day on November 16 last. On that occasion Mr. Butler stated that according to the Government's information there had been an appreciable decrease in smuggling.

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KING'S TRAIN TO BE "FORT"

POLICE precautions due to the I.R.A. bombing outrages made the King and Queen almost prisoners in the royal train each evening during their three-day "no speechmaking" tour of the north-east recently.

Once the official functions of each day were over, they returned to the train, which was drawn up on the now disused Newcastle-Ponteland passenger line near Ponteland station.

And through the night specially picked Scotland Yard officers and detectives from the Northumberland County, Newcastle and L.N.E.R. forces guarded them.

The scope of the precautions—unparalleled for the safety of a King of Britain visiting the provinces of his own country—can be gathered from the fact that detectives watched the relaying of every yard of gravel and piece of asphalt at the place where the train will stay each night.

Normally, members of the Royal Family visiting the north-east stay at one of the great castles, Lambton, Lumley or Alnwick, but a police officer said that their Majesties would be better guarded in the train.

Fleet Air Arm Goes Ahead

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DECK LANDING TESTS

According to these, 141 officer pilots have entered the Fleet Air Arm from the R.A.F. and R.A.F. Reserve; 191 executive naval officers are already serving as pilots and 132 as air observers.

In addition, the Fleet Air Arm has 133 executive officers and 44 naval ratings under instruction at Service flying training schools, and 34 naval ratings serving as observers' mates.

At Donibristle, Fife, 14 rating pilots are making their final deck-landing tests aboard the carrier Courageous; 15 others will start training this week.

These figures do not include officers of the R.N.V.R. Air Branch or those recruited from civil life.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

Of 236 Fleet Air Arm officers drawn from civilian ranks, 110 are training as pilots and 126 as air observers.

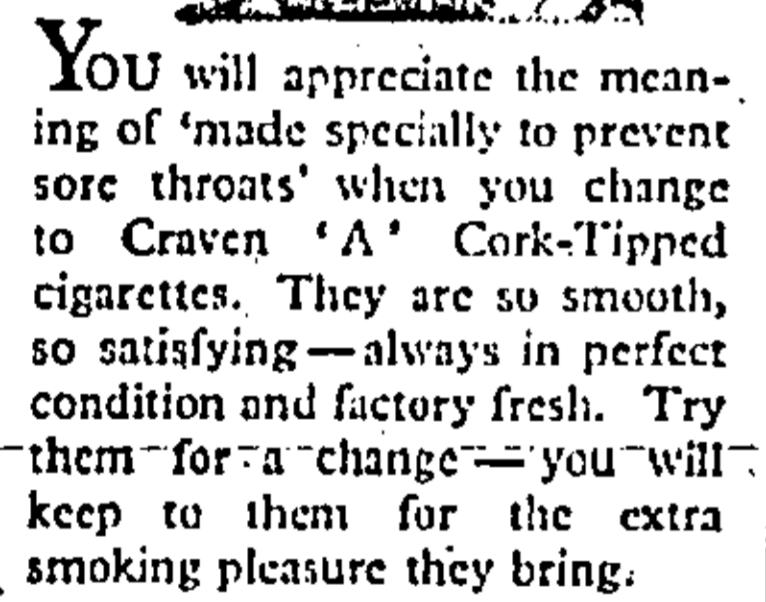
A recruiting campaign for air filters and air riggers will be launched during the next few days.

Other Fleet Air Arm branches are those of air mechanic, air artificer, and air apprentice.

Air mechanics are coming forward in satisfactory numbers and there is no shortage of pilot applicants.

An Admiralty official said recently that 60 per cent. of the filters and riggers in the new branches would be selected for promotion as air artificers.

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BOY Of 8, Tired Of Life, Aged 15, No Religion

AND 3-YEAR-OLD BLACKED HER EYE SAYS NURSE

BOYS of all ages figured in six unusual court cases in various parts of the country recently. There was the boy of 17 who never spoke and was fed by his mother like a bird.

Boy of eight who was unhappy and tried to stab himself. Boy of 16 whose employers increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways; he did not.

Boy of three who, said his nurse, blacked her eye and bit her neck; she smacked him, and won a claim for wrongful dismissal.

Boy of 15 who told the magistrates he had no religion. Boy of 14 whose "present from Santa Claus" to his young brother was stolen by a tutor who found it.

AGED EIGHT, UNHAPPY

"I was unhappy and wanted to kill myself," said the eight-year-old, who at Enfield Juvenile court admitted trying to stab himself in the stomach with a carving knife.

A woman probation officer said the child threw a piece of wood at his mother and the same day tried to strike her (the mother) with the carving knife.

"He tells me he is very unhappy at home," added the officer.

On a charge of being beyond his parents' control, he was sent to a remand home for a fortnight.

RUSE BEHIND RISE

The 10-year-old lad whose firm increased his wages instead of dismissing him, to encourage him to mend his ways, appeared at Caxton Juvenile Court summoned for a breach of a probation order.

He had been found to be untrustworthy and a liar, it was stated.

Kindness brought no response and later he admitted stealing 1s. 1d. belonging to his employers.

He had a stepfather, said a probation officer, who was "conscious of public opinion against stepfathers" and left the boy in the hands of his mother.

The lad, who said he had only borrowed the 1s. 1d. and repaid it, will be sent to an approved school.

NURSE SMACKED CHILD

Alleging that her three-year-old charge was out of control and had pulled her hair, blacked her eye and bitten her neck, Miss Enid Brettingham, of Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester, successfully claimed in West London county court that she was wrongfully dismissed for smacking him.

Judgment for £5 8s. for wages and loss of board was given against Captain H. S. Foxwell.

Miss Brettingham said she was employed by Captain and Mrs. Foxwell, then staying at a Kensington hotel, on a month's trial at a guinea a week.

She was drying the child after his bath and he bit her neck. She told the Court: "I thought it was time he had some punishment and smacked him on the leg."

Mrs. Foxwell said she never saw Miss Brettingham with a black eye. Judge Hargreaves thought Miss Brettingham was wrong to smack the boy when the mother was there and able to do it. But this did not justify immediate dismissal.

NO RELIGION AT 15

Asked to take the oath at Caxton Juvenile Court, a 15-year-old offender said he had no religion.

He affirmed.

Obstructing the police in Piccadilly Circus was the charge.

Saying he had been mistaken for someone else, the boy intimated he would call a friend as witness. He was remanded for a week.

STRAY DARTS

A darts scoreboard, darts and diary, Christmas gifts from a boy of 14 to his younger brother, were left behind in a railway waiting room.

private tutor, Guy Havershaw Morse-Boyatt (50), of Devonshire Place, at Brighton, fined £2 with £1 costs for stealing the parcel—which bore a name and address and "From Santa Claus"—by finding.

He said he was without his glasses and took it home meaning to look for an address.

"RABBIT FEVER" PROSCRIBED

Leeton, O.S. "Rabbit fever," the hunting variety, so depleted the ranks of Leeton high school's boy students, during the rabbit hunting season, that Principal G. L. Powell issued a warning to the fever's "victims." Powell's warning stressed provisions of state school-attendance laws.

Raid On Queen's Dress Maker

Thieves raided the premises of Mr. Norman B. Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen, in Bruton-street, W., recently and carried off furs valued at £5,000.

About the same time—4 a.m.—another gang broke into the London Bullion Company's shop in Haymarket, S.W., and took Jewellery in gold and silver, antiques and coins to the value of £2,000.

In their haste the robbers left many valuable skins behind, but the jewel raiders appear to have had expert knowledge, taking the most valuable exhibits in the window.

BROKE MAIN DOOR

It was about 4.30 a.m. when a policeman discovered that Mr. Hartnell's premises had been entered, but by then the raiders had gone.

The gang had prised open both halves of a side door, but finding further progress stopped by a stout iron bar, worked on the main door.

After breaking the thick glass and forcing the locks they went to the showroom at the back.

Four men are believed to have taken part in the raid—two to get the furs, one to watch, and a fourth waiting in the car in which the furs were taken away.

Mr. Hartnell designs dresses for the Queen. He designed the bridal dress of the Duchess of Gloucester and her eight bridesmaids, among whom was Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret.

SAW MASKED MAN

The raid on the London Bullion Company's shop was nearly foiled.

An assistant on night duty at a chemist's shop a short distance away heard a crash like falling glass, and was just in time to see a man, Jimmy hand, and a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, crossing the pavement.

The assistant ran back into the shop, dialled 999, but by the time a police patrol car arrived the robbers had got away.

They had wrenches the folding grille away from its catch and broken the door window.

"Big Jump" Was Medium's Control

A medium told counsel in a libel action in the King's Bench Division: recently that his "control" was known as "Big Jump."

The action was brought by Mr. Mendor Fodor, a psychic research worker, of Park West, Marble Arch, W., against Psychic Press, Ltd., proprietors of the "Psychic News," Mr. Maurice Barbanell, the editor; Mr. Paul Miller, a journalist; and the printers and distributors of the paper.

Mr. Fodor claimed that he had been attacked by a series of articles suggesting that he was not fitted to carry out psychical investigation.

The defendants denied that the words were defamatory.

PHOTOGRAPH OF ECTOPLASM.

Seeing a copy of "Psychic News" before Mr. Barbanell in the witness-box, Mr. Justice Singleton walked over, picked it up, and asked what a picture on the front page represented.

"It is a photograph of Fru Lura (medium)," Mr. Barbanell replied.

Mr. Justice Singleton pointed to the photograph and asked: "What is this supposed to be?"

"It is supposed to be ectoplasm," said Mr. Barbanell.

Mr. Barbanell said he was a medium "to a little degree," and had undergone the experience known as trance mediumship.

His "control" was known as "Big Jump." He had attended thousands of seances and, in one per cent. or two per cent. of cases at the highest, he had found fraud.

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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Banks \$.....	1,340 s.
H.K. Banks Lon. £.....	83 1/2 s.
Cartered £. (x.d.).....	84 1/2 s.
Mercantile, A. & B. £.....	27 s.
Mercantile, C. £.....	13 s.
East Asia \$.....	90 s.

INSURANCES

Canton \$.....	225 n.
Union \$.....	470 s.
China Underwriter \$.....	166 n.

H.K. Fire \$.....

SHIPPING	
Douglas \$ (x.d.).....	68 1/2 b.
Steamboats \$.....	15 n.
Indo-China P. S.	00 n.
Indo-China S.	24 n.
Shell Bearers \$.....	83 1/2 n.
Waterboats \$.....	0 n.

DOUGS ETC.

Warves \$ (x.d.).....	111 1/2 n.
Docks \$.....	17 1/2 n.
Providents (old) \$.....	5.45 s.
New Eng. Sh. \$.....	0.00 n.
Shu Docks \$.....	103 n.

MINING

Kuan S/.....	16/0 n.
Baum \$.....	.8 b.
Venz. Goldfield \$.....	.5 n.
Hongkong Mines cts. ....	.5 n.
Antamoks Pa. ....	.38 ss.
Atoks Pa. ....	.26 ss.
Baguio Gold \$.....	.26 ss.
Benguet Cons. Pa. ....	.54 ss.
Coco Grove Pa. ....	.42 ss.
Con Mines Pa. ....	.003 s.
Demonstrations Pa. ....	.14 1/2 ss.
IXL Ps. ....	.61 ss.
Gumius Pa. ....	.10 ss.
San Mauricio Pa. ....	.19 ss.
Suyoc Consul Pa. ....	.10 1/2 ss.
Paracales Ps. ....	.69 ss.

LANDS

Hotels \$.....	8 n.
Lands \$.....	26 n.
Lands 4% deb. \$.....	104 n.
Shai Lands \$.....	9 n.
Humphries \$.....	.055 n.
H.K. Realties \$.....	4 1/2 b.
Chinese Estates \$.....	100 n.

UTILITIES

Trans \$.....	15.80 ss.
Peak Trans (old) \$.....	8 n.
Peak Trans (new) \$.....	4 n.
Star Ferries (old) \$.....	.67 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries (new) \$.....	.24 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....	.67 1/2 ss.
China Lights (new) \$.....	.54 1/2 ss.
H.K. Electrics \$.....	.55 1/2 ss.
Macan. Electrics \$.....	.10 1/2 ss.
Sandakan Lights \$.....	.11 b.
Telephones (old) \$.....	.23 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....	.74 n.
Tractions \$/.....	.23/— n.
Tractions (Pref.) \$/.....	.23/— n.

INDUSTRIAL

Caldi Mac. (ord.) Sh. \$.....	14 n.
Caldi Mac. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....	13 n.
Canton Ices \$.....	1 b.
Cements \$.....	14 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....	4 b.

STORES &c.

Dairy Farms \$ (c. rts.).....	23.05 ss.
Dairy Farms \$ (ex. rts.).....	.21 n.
Dairy Farms \$ (c. rts.).....	.15 n.
Watsons \$.....	.10 1/2 ss.
Lane Crawfords \$.....	.8 n.
Sinceres \$.....	.8 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....	.43 b.
Powell, Ltd. cts. ....	.00 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$.....	104 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....	107 n.
Zoing Singe Sh. \$.....	24 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh. \$.....	.40 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainment \$ (x.d.).....	645 n.
Constructions \$.....	134 n.
Vibro Piling \$ (old).....	.645 s.
Ch. Govt. 8% 1925 G.S. Bonds \$.....	.67 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% p.m. b. H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2% p.m. b. Marsons (Lhd.) \$/.....	.15/— n.
Marsmans (H.K.) \$/.....	.53 1/2 n.

MANILA SHARES

Closing quotations through Reuters: Afternoon Morning	
Antanok	38 .40%
Atoik	265 .27%
Batong Gold	610 .01%
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Big Wedge	234 .25%
Coco Grove	42 .00%
Commodities & Mines	103 .00%
Demonstration	144 .18%
IXL	.01 .00%
Ipo Gold	274 .28%
Hogor Mining	17 .17%
Humbula Cons.	145 .14%
Matale Cons.	100 .00%
Mine Operations	100 .00%
North China	100 .16%
Other Companies	100 .20%
San Mauricio	100 .20%
Surigao Cons.	104 .10%
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive, JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

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Q: Are Englishmen the heaviest smokers of cigarettes?

A: No, Americans smoke more. Their average cigarette consumption is 1,045 a year. Mexicans come third (740), Belgians fourth (630) and Frenchmen fifth (412).

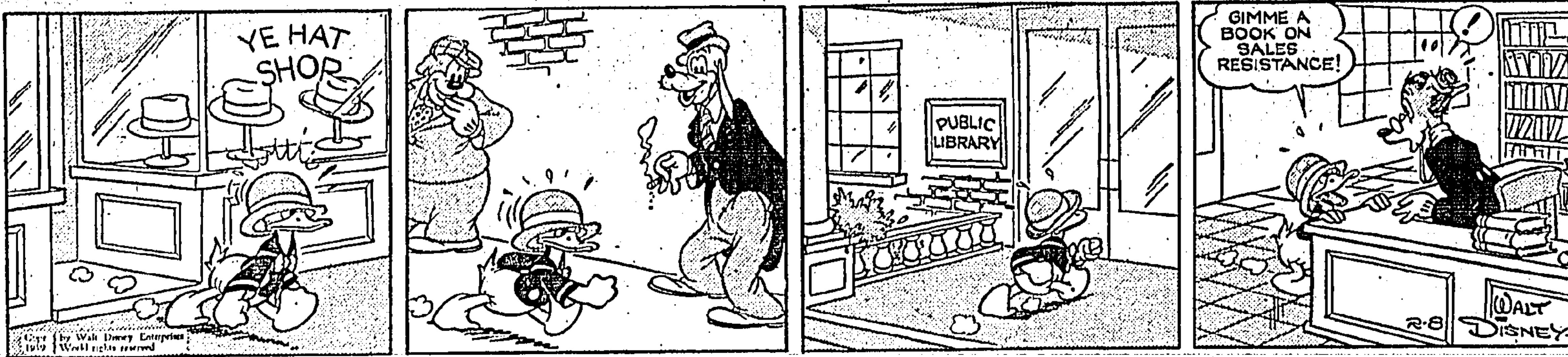
Q: Are people smoking more nowadays?

A: Yes. The past few years have seen a big increase in tobacco consumption in this country.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Insurance Has Quota Of Worries In Far East, Chairman Says

A NOTE OF OPTIMISM on the future in spite of the poor results obtained in 1937 was struck by Mr. D. F. Landale, Chairman, at the seventieth ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., this morning.

The Chairman reported that the 1937 account showed a credit balance of \$495,866, which he described as lean, and said that insurance in these times had, like everything else, its full quota of difficulties.

The September typhoon caused substantial increases in the Company's toll of losses.

He said: Gentlemen, before commencing the business of this meeting, I wish to express the regret of the General Managers and Consulting Committee that Sir Robert Ho Tung is not with us today.

After many years, during which the Company has had the benefit of his valued advice, he has felt that advancing age made it incumbent on him to retire from the Board.

We wish to record our sincere thanks for all he has done and wish him long life and happiness in his well-earned retirement.

I am pleased to say that the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo has accepted our invitation to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Sir Robert Ho Tung.

DEPARTURE OF MR. JOSEPH
Another change in the personnel of the consulting Committee that I regret to advise is the resignation of Mr. Felix A. Joseph as from March 31. Mr. Joseph is leaving for England early next month and to him also we tender our best thanks for past services, together with all good wishes for the future.

The out-turn of the Company's working for the year 1937, which we now present to you and which shows a credit balance of \$495,866, can only be described as lean, reflecting as it does the unsatisfactory results of our operations in Sterling during that year.

TOLL OF LOSSES

Our income, both from Sterling and Hongkong and China Currencies, was up by over \$56,000, but unfortunately the toll of Losses exceeded that for 1936 by just over two lakhs of Hongkong dollars.

This heavy increase was due to our Sterling Account to the extent of \$150,000, while the balance was very largely the result of the Typhoon that visited Hongkong on the night of the 1st/2nd September, 1937.

A comparison of ratios, as between the year under review and its immediate predecessor, is as follows: Losses 61.74 per cent. as against 53.27 per cent.; Changes 37.67 per cent. and 30.34 per cent., leaving a balance of 59 per cent. as against that of 7.39 per cent. for 1936 at the same stage.

The rates of Sterling Exchange taken were identical at 1/2%, so that this factor does not enter into things.

Exchange between Shanghai and Hongkong remained steady until December 31, 1937 with the result that Income from Investments for that year shows a slight increase of \$649 over that for 1936.

SHANGHAI EXCHANGE

The balance at credit of Working Account 1938 is \$762,452, an increase of approximately \$40,000 on that for the year 1937 at the same period and the third best we have had.

Had it not been for the fall in Shanghai Exchange the position would have been even better; as it is, the account discloses a fall in interest of nearly \$70,000 as compared with that for the previous year.

It would be premature yet to speculate as to the result of this account, but we are hopeful that it will run off better than its predecessor.

Japan's 'High' Wages

War Office And Munitions' Pay

A SUGGESTION in the Diet that military arsenals and similar Government establishments were short of labour because wages were low brought an indignant denial from a spokesman of the War Office, says a "Reuter" message from Tokyo.

But, in the next breath, the spokesman gives the wages as follows:

Maximum wage for males, 6.48 yen per day. 7s 6d.

Minimum wage for males, 5.74 yen per day.

Maximum wage for females 1s 73d. per day.

Minimum for females, 4½d. per day.

The average for men was 1s 6½d. daily and for women 1½d. daily.

Tokyo's munition industry will need another 25,000 boy workers, even after it absorbs 25,000 graduates of primary schools in Tokyo and 10,000 from the country next month.

Have You Lost A Dog?

A gentleman visited the "Telegraph" office this afternoon. He wants to find the owner of a black Scotch Terrier.

Here is the description:

"The friendliest and most likeable dog I've seen. I'd like to keep it. It answers to any name so long as there's rice and meat in the oven."

The dog has a metal tag with the number 39-790. The owner can claim it at 814 King's Road, Quarry Point.

Lady Northcote Off To England

Lady Northcote, wife of His Excellency the Governor, is departing for England by the P. & O. liner *Canton* on April 1.

Lady Northcote will be accompanied by her son, Mr. M. A. S. Northcote, who has been visiting Hongkong for several months.

our very well indeed, but every dollar we earn is reduced by 75 per cent. when transferred into Hongkong currency.

Believe me when I say that Inflation in these times has its full quota of difficulties, like everything else.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts. Mr. D. V. Stevenson seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

The proposal of Mr. J. H. Seth, seconded by Mr. T. E. Pearce, the Hon. Mr. K. L. Lo and Messrs. C. B. Brown, A. H. Compton, J. H. Taggart and S. T. Williamson were re-elected members of the Consulting Committee.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo seconded by Mr. H. W. Dulley.

There were present at the meeting: Mr. D. F. Landale, (Chairman), Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. Fells, A. Joseph, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. S. T. Williamson (Consulting Committee), Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. D. Hung, M. H. Lo, D. V. Stevenson, H. J. Armstrong, J. H. Seth, S. Hampden Ross, J. Fleming and H. W. Dulley.

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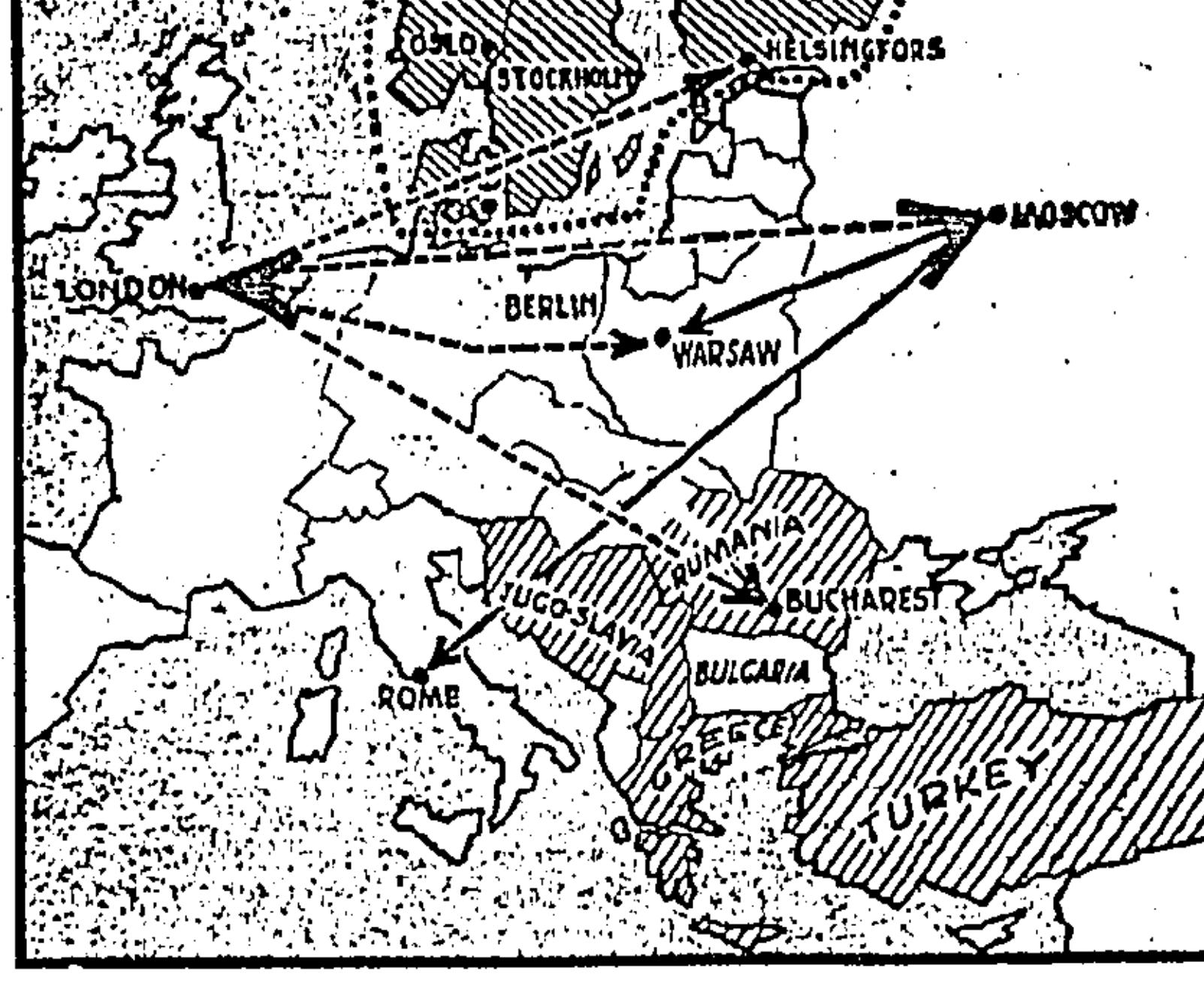
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12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Rachmaninoff—Rhapsody On A Theme Of Paganini For Piano And Orchestra, Op. 43.

Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra.

12.53 Rachmaninoff at the Piano.

Serenade, Op. 3, No. 5 (Rachmaninoff); Scherzo (Borodin).

1.00—Locut-Time-Signal—and Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.02 London Piano-Accordion Band and Sam Browne (Baritone).

There'll Never Be Another You (Harry Woods); One Night In Monte Carlo (Sherman and Lewis); London Piano-Accordion Band under the direction of Scott Wood.

2.15 Close Down.

Whistling Waltz (Alm "Limelight").

London Piano-Accordion Band under the direction of Scott Wood.

2.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

3.40 New Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—There's A New Apple Tree; Day After Day...; Jack Hylton and His Orchestra with Vocal Refrain; Fox-Trots—Heart And Soul (Alm "A Song Is Born"); Mayfair Merry-Go-Round (film "Kicking the Moon Around")...; Billy Mayerl (Vocal); Quicksstep—Josephine Josephine (Vocal); Gavotte—Waltz Medley (arr. Stoddon); Terence Casey (Organ); Quickstep—Josephine Josephine (Vocal); So Blue The Skies...; Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody; Medley—Toy Land Medley...; Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Reginald Foote at the Organ.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

(a) I Used to be Colour Blind (b) Some of these days; (c) Hawaii Calls; (d) Songs of India.

6.14 Record: Texas Dan (Robison); Happy Go Lucky (Robinson)...; Carson Robinson (Vocal) with Guitar, Accordion and String Bass.

6.21 (a) Where is the Sun; (b) Waddlin' at the Waldorf; (c) Light and Swing; (d) China-Town.

6.35 Records: Frasquita Serenade (Lefar); The Whistler And His Dog (Prior);...; Robinson Cleaver (Organ); Somebody's Thinking of You To-night (Symes and Powell);...; Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orchestra.

6.44 (a) Basin Street Blues (b) Shine; (c) I Still Love to Kiss You Goodnight; (d) Every Tub.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Songs by Georges Thill (Tenor).

Bachette (Lena and Hahn), with Mlle. Laskine (Harp) and M. Laton (Guitar); Enlevement (Bordelais and Levade);...; with Piano accomp. by Georges Thill; Elegie (Massenet); Fortunio (Messenger)...; with Orchestra by Pierre Chuignot.

7.12 London Relay—The Discovery of France.

A selection of the writings of Englishmen on France, showing their gradual discovery of her fascination by Leo Vinogradoff and Stephen Potter.

7.35 Gemini—Idylle Bretonne.

Sir Dan Godfrey conducting the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra (Duet for two Flutes; Soloists: Jean and Pierre Gennin).

7.40 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

"Trans-Ocean" reports that the Under-Secretary for Overseas Trade, Mr. R. S. Hudson, called on M. Litvinoff yesterday for the first trade conversations with Soviet Russia.

New trade negotiations, either projected or concluded, which may solve some of Europe's pressing problems, are shown by arrows. In addition to Britain's great trade push, Italy and Russia, Poland and Rumania, have just signed pacts. Britain is also seeking a Rumanian oil agreement.

Meanwhile the Balkan Entente Powers (Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece and Turkey) have met in Bucharest to discuss their problems.

Hopes of bringing Bulgaria into the Balkan entente have had to be deferred because of the political situation in Bulgaria itself.

The Bulgarian Premier, M. Klesseljanoff, is reported to have told the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Saragioti, that Bulgaria would not be represented on the entente's permanent council.

Statesmen of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, met at Helsinki to tackle common defence policy.

HUNGARY INVADES SLOVAKIA

Vienna, Mar. 23. Political quarters in Bratislava reported that at 8 a.m. to-day Berlin time regular Hungarian troops crossed the frontier into Slovakia near Sobrance and advanced in the direction of Michalovce, occupying several villages on the way. Shortly after 10.30 a.m., Berlin time, other Slovak frontier villages were occupied by regular Hungarian troops advancing on Michalovce from various directions.

So far no resistance has been offered to the Hungarian troops, but the Slovak Defense Minister announced this forenoon that Hlinka Guards have been mobilized and that bombing planes will be used against the advancing Hungarian troops. In addition, all Czech troops still in garrison have been ordered to oppose the advance of Hungarian troops.—Trans-Ocean.

Army A.A. Guns For London

Units of Regular anti-aircraft artillery are to supplement Territorials in the protection of London.

Mr. Horace-Bellamy, Secretary for War, speaking in London recently, said:

"We have decided to bring two Regular regiments of anti-aircraft artillery, with their equipment, to take up their stations in London and its neighbouring areas and they are already arriving.

"The purpose of this move is not only to give additional protection to London, but to form a liaison between the Regular and Territorial formations who may be in close contact in time of emergency."

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The Imperial Airways plane Dorado left Kai-Tak this morning for Bangkok with Mr. H. C. Lee as the sole passenger.

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Baltic Pawn

THE IMPLICATIONS behind the German occupation of Memelland are much wider than they appear on the surface. The Memel district, a strip of 853 square miles without which Lithuania scarcely can live, is, although so small that it is virtually valueless to Germany economically, highly valuable as pawn in the larger game Germany is now playing in Eastern Europe.

Just as the German occupation of Czechoslovakia and all it implies makes Poland's southern flank highly vulnerable, so does Lithuania, with whom Poland established diplomatic relations only last year through an ultimatum presented at the point of the gun, lie heavily on her northern flank. And although Lithuania is small, her strategic value is tremendous, especially since Poland's western front is exposed at Danzig.

Thus you see in German re-occupation of Memel a lever with which Lithuania can be jostled into almost any position. The first fruits have already become manifest in the Lithuanian-German Non-Aggression Pact, signed yesterday. Germany now has Lithuania's only seaport and Lithuania may, as a result of the dependence she now must place on Germany, find that her freedom is not much more than that enjoyed by the Bohemians, the Moravians or the Slovaks.

You will probably see, as a result of this Memel re-occupation, another spate of diplomatic activity in central Europe, with Warsaw as the axis. Poland, almost surrounded now by Germany, must either resign herself to the knowledge that the Pan-Ukrainian movement Herr Hitler is espousing involves dismemberment of Poland as well as Soviet Russia, or must cast around for new and powerful allies.

In return for facilities in Memel, and especially access to Memel Harbour, Lithuania will almost certainly be forced, in the very near future if not now, to become a vassal of Greater Germany.

Events in the Baltic const must have a salutary effect on the other little Baltic states, whom Germany would also like to bring within her orbit. They will watch post-Memel developments in Lithuania with the greatest of anxiety as a token of what might be in store for them.

Memel is typical of German colonisation territory. Even after 700 years of German rule it contained, according to the German 1910 census, 71,781 inhabitants of German mother tongue, and 67,124 of Lithuanian mother tongue, while in the Lithuanian census of 1925 43.51 per cent of Memel's inhabitants characterised themselves as of German nationality, 27.59 per cent of Lithuanian nationality and 25.18 per cent as Memellanders.

Thus Memel becomes a second precedent for German territorial claims no longer based on the National Socialist principle alone, but rather on political preference, however maintained. And since all the Baltic States contain large German minorities, an example of what a determined German minority with the backing of Great Germany can do provides them food for thought.

MEMEL, Europe's nagging tooth

by
**EMRYS
JONES**

TURN your eyes to that strip of territory called Memelland that adjoins East Prussia, whose coast is washed by the Baltic Sea, whose people were, until this week, in Lithuania, and whose heart is in Germany.

Note the clean, red-brick cobble-stoned town of Memel itself, and see what a fine jumping-off ground it is as a base for any nation whose ambition it is to make a dive up the Baltic.

Turn your eyes to Memel, because it's like a troublesome tooth—you never know when it's going to start aching.

Hitler and Chamberlain had some words about it when the British Prime Minister met the Führer in Germany during the crisis last year.

Before we investigate that, consider the story of Memel—consider it, because Memel was the result of a smash-and-grab raid, following by another smashing and grabbing that brought it back to Germany yesterday.

Memelland was German until it was taken away from them by the peacemakers in Paris, and it was some time before the Allies decided what to do with it.

Too Late

IN 1923 it was decided for them. In the beginning of that year armed Lithuanians (who until the end of the war had been Russia) began to hear, began to give the 200 French soldiers there who were keeping order on behalf of the Allies, a lot of trouble.

To the Allies came urgent requests for help from the French Commissioner. To Lithuania went a protest, and the British cruiser "Caledon" sailed for the Baltic.

Too late. Thousands of Lithuanians attacked the French, who gave way. So Memel was annexed by Lithuania, and in the following year the grab was recognised when Lithuania signed the

movement for incorporation in the Third Reich began to gather momentum, till in 1934 Lithuanian troops swarmed into Memelland, arrested leaders and a hundred other prominent German citizens.

The Lithuanians held a trial in Kaunas accused them of plotting to restore Memelland to the realm of Adolf Hitler. They sentenced four men to death, sent nearly a hundred to long terms of imprisonment.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



Flanked by Nazi Germany's East Prussia in the West, Memel, German in spirit, makes a jumping-off ground for a drive up the Baltic Sea.

Then the world saw for the first time that other nations must take care how they treat people of the German race. Hitler protested vigorously against the death sentences and it looked like the aching tooth was about to be drawn.

The Lithuanians, however, clung on, commuted the death sentences. One of the men they sentenced was Ernst Neumann, now known in Lithuania as the Henlein of Memelland. They sent him to prison for twelve years at Slauen, but after doing four years he was pardoned and released.

Last week, you could have seen the ex-veterinary surgeon Ernst Neumann on the stump in Memelland, wearing a dark blue suit, top boots, with the elk-antler badge of his party in his button-hole.

Ranged on the other side against Neumann was the thin, high-cheekboned, bushy-moustached President of Lithuania, Antanas Smetona. Like Poland's Pilsudski and Czechoslovakia's Benes, Smetona was a Nationalist when his country was under foreign rule, in his case Russian rule.

He was expelled from his school for saying prayers in Lithuanian instead of Russian, then became a conspirator in the cause of Lithuanian independence while he was a student in the University of St. Petersburg. Who wasn't a conspirator in Czarist Russia?

Smetona has no chance in Memelland, for in the local Diet the German party held 24 out of the 29 seats; party followers give the Nazi salute, use the word "Heil," and organise storm troopers.

Many Clashes

THE troublesome tooth of Memelland was kept nervous by frequent clashes between Germans and Lithuanians. Last June Nazis and Lithuanians fought for two hours in the streets because the Germans had welcomed a Nazi ship in the port with the Hitler salute and cries of "Heil!"

The casualties were the death of a 16-years-old son of a German policeman and 50 injured. Once more it looked as if Europe was in for a first-class crisis.

The storm passed—on the surface. Memelland disappeared from the crisis scene until a British M.P. asked in the House of Commons what was going to happen there. That was after Mr. Chamberlain's visit to Germany in September.

In reply, it was said that Hitler had told Chamberlain that he'd be glad to leave Memelland as it was, as long as the Memel Statute was observed by the Lithuanian Government.

Please note: "As long as the Memel Statute was observed by the Lithuanian Government."

It would not be difficult to find an excuse for saying that the Statute was not being observed, and, anyway, the Memellanders were reckoned among the dissatisfied minorities that afflict the European scene.

"A Scandal"

ALL this happened when Hitler gave it out that he had no more territorial ambitions, but in Berlin a few days later it was semi-officially stated (and that's pretty official in Germany) that this did not mean the Führer was not deeply interested in his fellow-Germans beyond the frontiers of Nazi Germany.

In the same October that was followed up in Berlin by the comment that suppression in Lithuania "has become an intolerable scandal."

More to the point was the formal declaration made to newspapermen in Memel by Hans Bertuchi, deputy-leader of Memel's Nazis.

Said he: "Memel has separated against its will from the German fatherland. Now it desires reunion (Continued on Page 5.)



Your neck is too long for the new coiffure, but I think our Mr. Emilie can fix that!

I Asked Hitler Questions

Fifth Day in The Series of Questions and Answers from an unexpurgated Edition of "Mein Kampf".

Q. Why did you choose the swastika?

A. "The new flag had to be just as much a symbol of our own struggle as of great advertising. Anybody who has much to do with the masses sees great importance in these apparent trivialities. An effective badge can in hundreds of thousands of cases awake the first interest in a movement." (p. 555.)

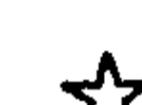
"As National-Socialists we see our programme in our flag. In the red we see the social idea of the nationalistic; in the swastika the mission of the struggle for the victory of the Aryan man." (p. 557.)



Q. What is your view of Freemasonry?

A. "To strengthen his political position the Jew tries to tear down racial and political barriers which at first still hamper his steps. For this purpose he fights for religious tolerance with all the toughness peculiar to him, and has found an excellent instrument for the championship of his cause in Freemasonry, which has completely fallen prey to him."

"Governing circles and the higher grades of the political and business bourgeoisie fall into his snare through masonic strings, without their realising it." (p. 348.)



Q. What is the fundamental difference between Nazism and Communism?

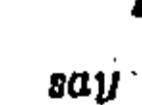
A. "By its categorical rejection of personality and thus of the nation and its racial content, Marxism destroys the elementary basis of all human culture which is dependent just on these factors. This is the real inner kernel of Marxist philosophy . . . With the destruction of personality and race falls the important obstacle to the domination of the inferior type—and this is the Jew . . ."

"So arises pure workers' movement under Jewish leadership, pretending to better the condition of the worker, but in reality aiming at the enslavement and destruction of all non-Jewish peoples." (p. 351.)

"The (Nazis) movement must promote respect of the person in all means—it must never forget that individual worth lies in the worth of everything human, that every idea and every achievement is the result of the creative power of a man." (p. 357.)

"The nationalist point of view . . . does not only envisage the different worth of races, but also the different worth of individual men." (p. 421.)

"The fundamental difference between nationalist philosophy and Marxism is that nationalist philosophy does not recognise only the value of race but also the importance of the individual, and makes him the foundation of its whole structure." (p. 501.)



Q. Many say you are taking risks in Europe. Do you believe in taking risks?

A. "Lack of will . . . hinders every decision connected with risk, as if the magnitude of a deed did not consist in its riskiness."

"He who first demands from the guarantee of success, thereby renounces the very importance of heroic deed. For an heroic deed lies in the fact that although convinced of the danger of a situation, yet take the step which will perhaps lead to success. A man sick with cancer . . . does not want to reckon on fifty-one per cent certainty before risking an operation." (p. 463.)



Q. Do you think it would be a better world if Germany ran it entirely?

A. "If the German people throughout its historical development had possessed the herd-like unity which helped other peoples, the German Reich to-day would be mistress of the world."

World history would then have taken another course, and no man is in a position to decide whether the very thing that so many dazzled pacifists are to-day hoping to beg, whining and whimpering, peace, would not have come about in this way.

A peace supported not on the hand-wringing of tearful pacifistic wallowing women, but by the victorious sword of a master people which takes the world into the service of a higher culture." (p. 438.)

Trade War In Europe

Reich Gains Big Rumanian Victory

BUCHAREST, Mar. 23. THE GERMAN-RUMANIAN trade accord was signed at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

In an amazingly wide scope of grants, Germany has been given almost unprecedented concessions.

However, it is emphasised that Germany in no way obtains dominant portions of Rumania's economy.

The agreement will run automatically to 1944.

It aims at the adaption of mutual economies and creates free zones in which German shipping companies and store-houses will be organised.

It is intended to comply with Germany's need for imports and the development of Rumania's production.

Despite assertions to the contrary the belief is expressed here that there is no longer any question of Rumania's co-operation with the democracies.

It is believed that Germany will dominate Rumania.—United Press.

LONDON'S VIEW

London, Mar. 23. The German-Rumanian Trade Agreement is interpreted here as placing Rumania politically, militarily, and economically within Germany's orbit, thus losing her independence.—United Press.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, has announced that Britain has rejected all prospects of achieving the Anglo-German trade agreement in view of the Reich's shattering of European frontiers.

"Political developments of the last few days have created a situation which, while it lasts, makes further progress impossible," he said.

RUMANIA CAN NOW OBTAIN ARMS

Bucharest, Mar. 23. Germany has informed Rumania that all her orders for armaments and munitions placed with the Sloca works in Bohemia before Czechoslovakia was occupied, will be delivered on time.

The orders include ten loads of munitions due for immediate delivery.—Reuter.

WIDE NATURE OF CONCESSIONS

Berlin, Mar. 23. According to a message from Bucharest, arrangements of the widest character are covered by the new German-Rumanian agreement.

The development of the enormous potential resources of Rumania, particularly in the direction of agriculture, is the main feature of the agreement, and another highly important aspect is the supply of industrial equipment.

Intensification of products is anticipated, especially of fodder, oil seed, and fibre plant.

Attention is also paid to forestry. German machines and mining equipment will be supplied, and German-Rumanian companies will be formed to exploit copper, chromium and manganese. Bauxite and manganese industries will be founded.

A German-Rumanian company will promote mineral oil production, execute boring, and a distribution programme.

CO-ORDINATE INDUSTRIES

The two countries will co-ordinate their industries and create new zones in which industrial and trade undertakings will be established, and warehouses will be built for German shipping in the free zone.

The delivery of war materials and armaments for the Rumanian army, navy and air forces, and armaments industries are also included in the agreement.

The agreement will come into force after its ratification, and it will remain valid until March 31, 1944, and if not denounced a year before its expiration, will be prolonged indefinitely subject to a year's notice at the end of every fourth year.—Reuter.

NEGOTIATIONS IN EAST

London, Mar. 23. The present circumstances are not favourable for the despatch of a British mission to Chungking to consult with the Chinese Government as regards the best opportunities for developing trade in textiles. In West China, said Mr. Ronald Cross, replying to Mr. H. Sutcliffe in the House of Commons to-day.

He added that the Board of Trade did not wish to discourage interests concerned from sending a mission if it was considered that the possibilities of trade were worth exploring.—Reuter.

ITALY NEGOTIATES

Genua, Mar. 23. It is reported that Italy is negotiating for the purchase of 90,000 tons of

Social Season Winding Up

Dream Dancing Novelty At Gloucester Hotel

Hongkong's 1938-39 social season is rapidly drawing to a close in a whirlwind of gaiety.

While La Perle et Jean Var have been drawing large attendances and warm acclamation at the Hongkong Hotel with their Spanish dances, Frances and Fred, brilliant combination from Europe, are delighting Gloucester Hotel patrons with a new and novel technique in exhibition interpretations of the waltz, tango and rhumba.

Known as "dream dancing," they perform their amazingly intricate steps and sequences without making a sound, added effect being given by the pianissimo playing of the orchestra.

Frances performs some dramatic steps, and both she and her partner are completely polished in all their acts. "Dream Dancing" brings delightful novelty to Hongkong's socialites.

SLOVAKIA INVADED BY HUNGARIANS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Hungarian invasion, the Hungarian Government has promised an immediate investigation.

However, it said the eastern frontier of Slovakia has never been previously definite and that it is possible that a local conflict has developed between the Hungarian and Slovakian forces near the frontier.

The reply said there is no question of actual military operations and that the reports that the Hungarians invaded Slovakia with German encouragement are completely false.—United Press.

NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY

Berlin, Mar. 23. Official German circles are not so far taking the reports of Hungarian incursions into Slovakia very seriously.

It is considered that the Hungarians, in the course of pacifying Ruthenia, have crossed what was a very vague and doubtful frontier, into territory claimed by the Czechs.

It is recalled that there were similar incidents during the occupation of Sudetenland.—Reuter Special.

FIGHTING NEAR USZOROD

Pressburg, Mar. 24. It was impossible on Thursday evening to obtain telephonic communication with the eastern part of Slovakia, but according to various reports received fighting is continuing elsewhere near Uzhorod.

Slovak troops are said to be resisting the Hungarian invasion. Hlinka Guards and several Slovak soldiers were killed, according to a communication received by the press from the leader of the Hlinka Guards, Gen. M. Mach.

He admitted that authority has completely broken down in the remote parts of Slovakia.

Slovak troops have been despatched to resist the Hungarian invasion.

The Hungarian troops have been warned to withdraw by midnight, Thursday, (8 a.m. H.K.T.) otherwise Slovak troops would launch large-scale offensive.—Trans-Ocean.

TOTALLY UNEXPECTED

Pressburg, Mar. 24. The entry of Hungarian troops into eastern Slovakia is characterised by the Slovak authorities as an utterly unexpected military assault on Slovak territory.

According to reports so far received the Hungarians marched into eastern Slovakia in three columns shortly after mid-night.

Infantry battalions marched from Volke Berezeno to Ubia and Szakmein, while one motorised regiment with tanks marched from Uzhorod in the direction of Sobrance.

At 6.30 a.m. the Hungarians were about 12 miles on the other side of the previous frontier.

Towards 11 o'clock Hungarian formations occupied positions on the Roztocky-Fekszovce line.

In the course of the morning, Hungarian airplanes were over Preschov. In the district of Sobrance a fortified Hungarian line is said to have been observed yesterday afternoon.

Reports state that the Slovak troops have dug trenches in positions opposite the Hungarians and are holding these positions.—Trans-Ocean.

SECOND BUDGET NEXT MONTH

London, Mar. 23. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will open his second budget in the House of Commons on April 25.—British Wireless.

wheat from Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Rumania.—Reuter.

NOT EXCLUSIVE TO REICH

Bucharest, Mar. 23. Following the signing of the agreement with Germany, M. Gafencu said: "We are prepared to sign similar treaties with other countries if they wish."

Rumania retains her economic independence under the agreement, according to political circles, which, however, give the impression that Rumania agreed to rather more than was originally wished.

German circles describe the agreement as a sort of German-Rumanian Five Year Plan."—Reuter Special.

Australia To Manufacture Warplanes

Decentralisation Of Industry

LONDON, Mar. 23. THE AIR MINISTER announced in the House of Commons that the United Kingdom air mission, which by arrangement with the Australian Government has been investigating the possibility of aircraft production in Australia, had now completed its report.

The main recommendations had been considered by the United Kingdom Government and the Commonwealth Government, and both governments had decided to accept them generally, and to put them in operation forthwith.

Immediate action would be taken for the manufacture in Australia of air frames to British design suitable for Australian requirements, and also for those of the R.A.F. in the Far East.

The report of the mission emphasised the extent to which engineering resources had been developed in recent years in Australia. Full advantage would accordingly be taken of these resources by a system of widespread sub-contracting throughout the engineering industry. This would accelerate production in peace time, and create a capacity for expansion in an emergency. This scheme, Sir Kingsley Wood declared, was an important contribution to Empire defence.—British Wireless.

PREMIER'S GRAVE WARNING

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of the country serve to show that public opinion generally is in favour of the immediate introduction of limited compulsory service. A six months' period is advocated.—Trans-Ocean.

NOT CHALLENGED

London, Mar. 23. Government supporters approve of the tone of Mr. Chamberlain's declaration in the House of Commons as regards the international situation, and consider that he could not have been more precise in the present circumstances.

Critics of the Prime Minister in the Government ranks regard it as a strong and important declaration.

Several opposition Labour members have expressed satisfaction with the terms of the statement.

It was observed that after the statement, Labour and Liberal frontbenchers asked no questions.

Only Mr. A. Bevin, who is an associate of Sir Stafford Cripps, asked challenging questions.—Reuter.

CZECH CONSUL WONT HAND OVER

Colombo, Mar. 23. The Czech Consul, who is an Englishman, has refused to hand over the Consulate to the German authorities.

It is understood that he takes this stand on the ground that England has not recognised the annexation of the Czech States.—Reuter.

LAW OF JUNGLE

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Anthony Eden, addressing American newspaper correspondents at the Savoy Hotel to-day, said that a great part of Europe now sees no law prevail but the law of the jungle, where the prey falls to the swiftest and most ruthless stroke.

He believed it to be the duty of peace-loving nations to unite immediately to organise defence against further aggression.

"We should act with speed; for as conditions are to-day, every hour counts," added Mr. Eden.—Reuter Special.

SOVIET AGREES TO CO-OPERATE

London, Mar. 23. A note from the Soviet Government handed to the British Foreign Office to-day, confirming agreement of Soviet Russia to the British proposal of a four Power declaration, stated a complete British authority to-night.

At the same time it was stated that the Polish Government continues to make difficulties. The question whether, in the event of Poland maintaining her present attitude, a declaration would be made by Britain, France and Russia, has not yet been decided.—Trans-Ocean.

Bluecher Dropped By Soviet

Moscow, Mar. 23. The list of the new Political Bureau just announced includes M. Stalin, M. Andreyev, M. Voroshiloff, M. Zhdanov, M. Kaganovitch, M. Kalinin, M. Koltsov, M. Molotov, M. Krushchev, M. Berlin, and M. Shvernik. Field-Marshal Bluecher is among prominent figures eliminated from the Bureau.—Reuter.

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

Iltigous
Liquidation
Liquify
guiltotine
dissimilate
flexible
English Oxford Dictionary spellings of these words will be found on page 9.

Italians Will Press Claims

Totalitarians To Fight Together

BERLIN, Mar. 23. THE "FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG" declares that Italy will press her claims against France "even more strongly."

Germany, the paper says, regards every vital Italian demand as equal to the vital German demands, and if necessary, the two countries will fight together.

The hope and belief is expressed that Italy will get satisfaction without a war.—Reuter.

FRANCE SEEKS CONTACTS

Pairs, Mar. 23. The possibility of unofficial Franco-Italian contacts is still being aired in the French press.—Reuter Special.

MEMEL TO BECOME A POWERFUL FORTRESS

(Continued from Page 1.)

ING" inflicted after the World War.

It is not clear whether he meant that Germany is satisfied territorially.

He said the Germany which has arisen "does not trust her fate to foreigners but has determined it herself... even if it does not please the outside world."—United Press.

FORMAL TRANSFER

Kaunas, Mar. 23. A member of the Lithuanian garrison will meet German military representatives at noon for the formal handing over of the Memel territory.—Reuter.

NO U.S. RECOGNITION

Washington, Mar. 23. The acting Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, said to-day that the United States will not recognise Germany's absorption of Memel.

However, he indicated that it is viewed under a somewhat different category than the absorption of Czechoslovakia.

He drew attention to the absorption of Memel having followed a constitutional procedure.

He said he had received a formal notification from the Lithuanian Minister which had been forwarded to the Treasury Department, a procedure which is interpreted as presaging a penalty on import duties.—United Press.

SOVIET COMMENT

Moscow, Mar. 23. The "Pravda" commenting on Germany's latest move, declares that "the seizure was not unexpected."

"It follows the Anglo-French policy which failed to take measures to prevent annexation, despite British, French, and Italian guarantees of Lithuanian sovereignty."

The talk recently heard in London and Paris with regard to a new Anglo-French foreign policy, remains talk."—Reuter Special.

REACTION IN POLAND

The Polish Foreign Office continued on Thursday to be the scene of great diplomatic activity.

Colonel Beck had further talks with the French Ambassador, M. Noël, and with the Slovak Charge d'Affaires, Dr. Klinowski.

The callers also included the diplomatic envoys of Estonia and Latvia.

The surrender of Memel to Germany is having a far-reaching effect on Poland. The two leaders of the opposition conferred with Premier Skaldowski.

Considerable sensation has been created by the arrest of the editor of the paper "Slovo" for having attacked the Government's foreign policy. This action, it is stated, proves that the position of Colonel Beck is as strong as ever.

He still enjoys the full support of the Polish Army and no one would be surprised if the Government were to take drastic action against the opposition.—Trans-Ocean.

LADY FIGHTS WITH ARMED ROBBERS

(Continued from

"HOT" FAVOURITES HAD LEAN TIME IN FIRST EXTRA

MR. ENCARNACAO SCORES FIRST WIN ON AUSSIE

(By "Captain Foster")

Generally speaking, favourites had a lean afternoon at the First Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held last Saturday, but there was present a good turn out of the regular followers of the turf.

Apart from the good racing and a few juicy dividends which enlivened the meet, Mr. Charlie Encarnacao must have been tickled to death over his success on Chilfern, owned by Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, in the Handic平 Plate over a mile, for it was his first winning mount on an Australian pony at Happy Valley. The victory must have warmed the champion jockey's heart, for he was in great form, piloting two more subsequent wins on Rose Elect and Rose Jane in the Hongkong Handic平, first and second sections respectively, but the chance of securing a "hat trick" on Smiling Time was nipped in the bud by Silver Star (won by a neck) in Tytan Handic平 (second section) ably ridden by Mr. B. L. Tao. The latter had two wins (King Kong and Silver Star), both being in the first and second sections of the Tytan Handic平 and incidentally Mr. Tao provided the combination for the daily double betting which paid \$1,000 for a five dollar ticket. I have not a long memory, but I think Mr. Tao is now the sixth jockey who rode the two winners in the daily double events.

Messrs. Eu Tong-sen and T. E. Pearce were the most successful owners, each having two wins. It was a pity that Desert Chief could not accept the Hongkong Handic平 (first section) as the chestnut gelding was under suspicion, but it was to be hoped that he will soon be donning the silk. Mr. Eu

Tong-sen's Smiling Thru, who was the second best 1938 sub-griffon, has not appeared in public after his successful run in the Sub-Griffons Plate on September 24 and I hear he is still under the care of a vet.

STARTING SOON

There are in addition a few good ones such as Cameronian, Confusion Bay, Dawn Star, Half-Moon Eve, and Happy Eve, who did not face the starter at the Annual Carnival but I trust that they will weigh out in the Easter session.

It may be of interest to know that Mr. Eric Moller's Navylight, who pulled up inner after running second to Rose Elect in the Hongkong Derby, is now in Shanghai and it is reliably learned that the mare will not be seen in action until after the races.

It has been represented to me on good authority that Hetman, belonging to the Chairman of the Club and Trentbridge, owned by Mrs. T. E. Pearce, has been destroyed, the latter being the winner of the 1933 Blue Riband.

Among the Australian ponies, Mr. Li Lun-sing's Courting Eve is back on the course, but I have not as yet seen Mr. J. F. McGregor's Strathroy who has spent the winter in Flanders. I hear that Electron (the property of three Medics) is in a very bad condition and there is a possibility of destroying the animal.

China Ponies Provide Useful Information For Future Racing

Last Saturday's racing was not only excellent, but gave us some good line for the future. The running of some China ponies, specially among the batch of subscription griffins of this season, showed clearly the difference between handicap and class form.

After a sequence of five unsuccessful outings, Mr. G. Trevorton rode a clever race on the winner, Avon, belonging to Sir Vandeleur Grayburn in the Lotterers Stakes over six furlongs, beating Peaceful View, with Mr. K. I. Ip up, by a neck. It was a novice event, the jockeys being penalised with a penalty of 2 lbs. for each race won and in the circumstance Mr. Trevorton had a null of six pounds. The jockey on Peaceful View made the running at the release of the barrier followed by Avon, and the first quarter was covered in 28½ seconds, which was too fast a run up the Black Rock. The second quarter was negotiated in about the same time, but both ponies were crawling along in the home stretch with 32 seconds for the last quarter. It was, however, a good fight. Jennifer, who let the public down badly, failed to strike her best, but will no doubt be in better condition at the Easter meeting.

A SURPRISE

The glorious uncertainty of racing was witnessed in the Tytan Handic平 (first section) over a mile for China ponies, subscription griffins, when Musketeer (who finished third) went under badly to King Kong and Strathbannock. It was certainly a big surprise for King Kong as the pony had only a win at the Annual Race Meeting. It must, however, not be overlooked that King Kong had a pull of 23 lbs. against Musketeer and the difference of weight was too much for the Valley Stakes winner to concede. Apart from the interest shown in the first handicap event, with a field containing winners and placed, subscription griffins of the season, Musketeer was selected by the betting public as the best kill of the afternoon.

The students of form poured out money like water on the chestnut charger and the fighter was backed to the tune of 2,123 tickets for a win out of a total sum of over 4,000 odd. However, the result of this classic handicap event showed that Musketeer, Orange Boven and Porthrush could not carry extra lead over the weight for inches per scale. Contrary to expectations, Chatterbox refused to line up, but 15 racers weighed out and the mile was run in 2.01% which was an amazing performance.

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Eastern Beat Royal Scots On Sodden Ground

ODD GOAL IN SEVEN SETTLES ISSUE OF SENIOR SOCCER TIE

With rain falling intermittently and the ground sodden, conditions were far from ideal yesterday afternoon when Eastern met the Royal Scots in the First Division of the Hongkong Football League on the Club ground. The surface was so slippery that to keep on one's feet was difficult and as a result good ball control was more or less out of the question. Nevertheless during the 70 minutes of football, no fewer than seven goals were scored, the Chinese beating the soldiers by the odd goal.

A peculiar feature of the game was the number of scoring opportunities missed, but this was due almost entirely to the players' inability to control the ball.

Considering the conditions prevailing, the two teams played extraordinarily good football in midfield, and there was method in the approach work of both sides. But when the forwards got to within shooting distance, however, they were not so impressive.

The game started off with an early goal, the Scots being unlucky not to take the lead in the first minute. Cook, on the right, sent the ball in after a good run, but the ball skidded past with the inside forwards looking on helplessly. The Scots had another opportunity shortly afterwards to go ahead, but Parnaby's shot went wide. The Chinese then had their period of attacking but they also met with no success.

DING DONG BATTLE

Exchanges were very even at this stage, the ball travelling from one end of the field to the other without result until the Eastern attack finally succeeded in penetrating the Scots' defence. Hau Ching-to tore away on the left wing and sent in a shot which Duncan pushed out to Yu Yuch-shing. The latter shot for goal but the ball struck Park and rebounded into play, whereupon Hsu King-shing pounced on it and scored.

Rather against the run of play, Eastern went further ahead shortly afterwards, Lee Tack-keo adding their second goal.

The soldiers fought back gallantly, however, in spite of this reverse and before long had got on level terms, MacDougall being the scorer on both occasions.

In the second half, Eastern made several determined attacks and were unfortunate not to score in the first few minutes. The soldiers weathered the storm, and after a re-arrangement in the forward line, they went ahead for the first time when Bailey broke through to score.

Eastern drew level soon afterwards from a corner, Lee Tack-keo heading the ball into the net. With the scores tied, both sides went all out for a win, and Eastern succeeded in the closing minutes when Lee Tack-keo was given a perfect pass and he made no mistake.

Teams:

Eastern—Lau Hin-hon; Tsui Bo-wan, Mew Wah-kwok; Lau Shih-tsan, Tsang Chung-wan, Lo Wai-shuen, Chan Ping-to, Yu Yuch-shing, Lee Tack-keo, Tsu King-shing, Hau Ching-to.

Royal Scots—Duncan, Park, Fraser, Brown, Marshall, Clarke, Cook, Parnaby, MacDougall, Bailey, R. Baldwin, and R. A. Simpson. Umpire: H. Brookes.

Special Homeside Soccer Forecast

The following teams are specially selected to win in the Home Football programme tomorrow:

Home Winners

Leeds
Sheffield U.
Tottenham
Bournmouth
Barnsley
Bradford C.
Oldham
Stockport

Optional Selections

Coventry
Southampton
West Bromwich
Southend
Lincoln

FINE WEATHER AND GOOD GOING FOR GRAND NATIONAL

Many Horses Expected To Finish In The Race

London, Mar. 23.

With an outsider, Squadron Castle, winning the first leg of the spring double, book-makers are sitting pretty over the Grand National, especially as the race is considered one of the most open in many years with no horse competing comparable with giants of the past like Manifesto and Cloister.

Fine weather and good going are likely to result in a large number of finishers and there will be no debacle.

This, however, makes the picking of the winner even more difficult.

One of the most interesting runners will be Drim, who finished the course last year. He will be ridden by the young amateur jockey, Mr. Jack Morris, who has only recently taken up riding. Mr. Morris will win £7,500 for an outlay of 271 if Drim wins. He found layers to wager 100 to 60 against him completing the first circuit, 500 to 10 against him getting over the first fence and 1,000 to one against him winning the race.

A lot of late money has been wagered recently on Blue Shirt, who finished seventh last year when starting as a joint favourite. He was backed to win £11,000 last night.

Reuter.

JOCKEYS ASSIGNED

London, Mar. 23. Mr. Hislop will ride Sporting Piper in the Grand National, and Elder will take out Lucky Patch. Scratchley will ride Pencarrow. Jockeys for the other horses are as previously announced. Jovial Judge has been scratched. Reuter.

Aldine Wins Liverpool Handicap

London, Mar. 23. The Liverpool Hurdle Handicap over two miles and one furlong resulted in a win for Aldine, starting at 4/1 with Isdes, 20/1, second and Santayann, 100/1 third. Eighteen ran in the race.

Aldine won by four lengths and two lengths separated second and third.

Aldine was fourth in the Lincolnshire Handicap race yesterday.

Reuter.

RUGGER RELATIONS PATCHED UP

Britain And France Bury Hatchet

Paris, Mar. 23.

The "olive branch" extended by four British Rugby Unions in an effort to resume rugby relations with France is welcomed by sporting circles here.

The newspaper Auto hails the letter from the British Unions as a "joyful thunder-clap in the rugby world," but states that everything was by no means settled. It points out that the French Federation is holding an extraordinary meeting on Sunday to discuss the letter and its terms, which included the abandonment of the French Championship which hitherto had been the chief obstacle to resuming matches.

It is understood the conditions also included permanent suspension of managers who paid or are still paying players and that managers and players who have been concerned with the Professional League should not be reinstated by the French Federation which must also observe the International Board's Rules, namely "A player ordered off should not be allowed to return to the field."

M. Laurent, Secretary of the French Federation, says all conditions are easily acceptable and believes the Federation will suggest that England and France play in Paris on January 1, 1940. Reuter.

Rugger Matches At Home

London, Mar. 23. The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby Union to-day:

Birkenhead Park 9 Blackheath 13 Bath 3 Weston-Super-Mare 7

Reuter.



LONDON UNIVERSITY GIRLS receiving rowing instruction in the tank at Chiswick. The crew met Oxford University women at Oxford recently.

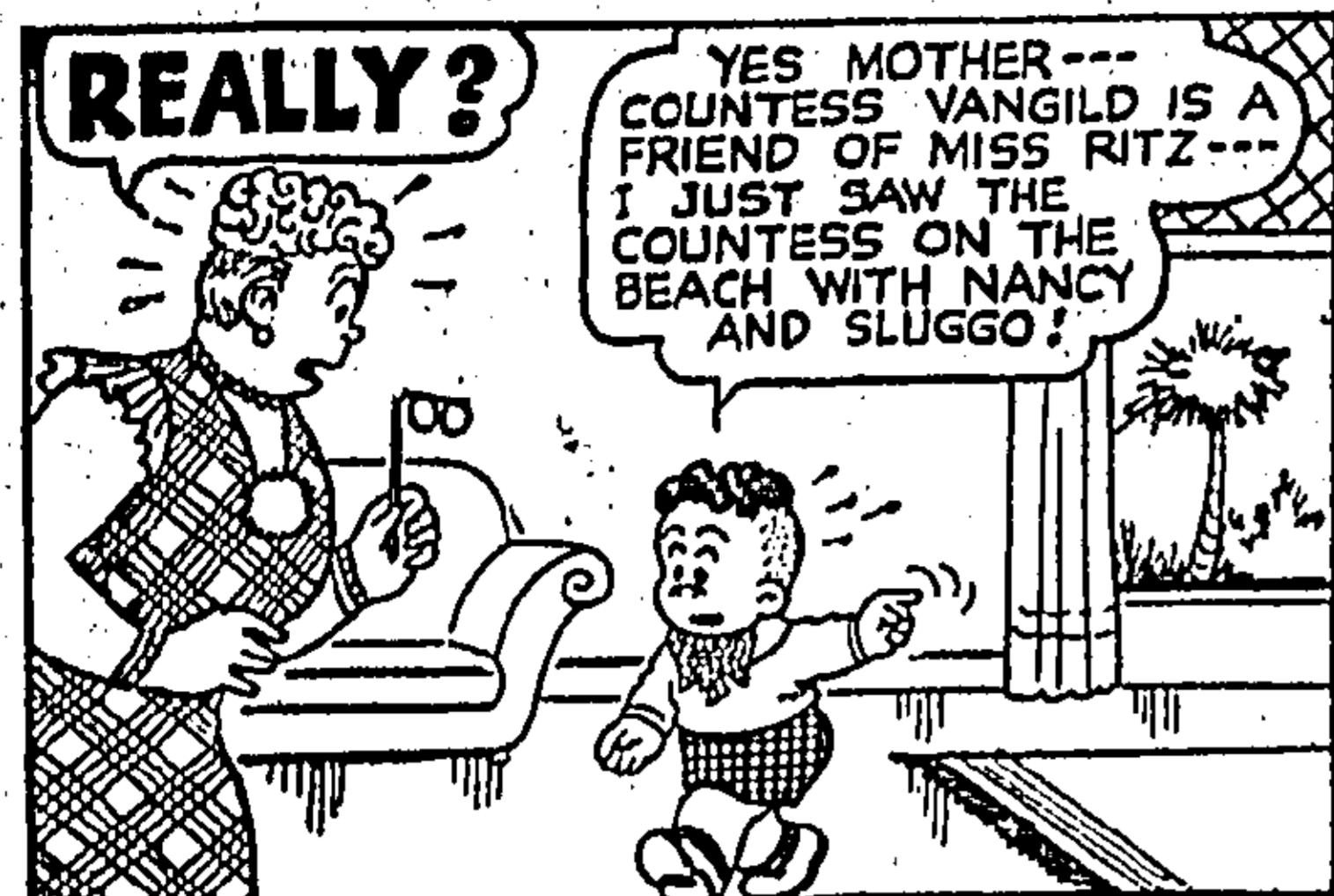


ROBERT DONAT, male lead in M-G-M's picture "THE CITADEL", voted one of the 10 best pictures of the year, enjoys his leisure hours with a good pipe.

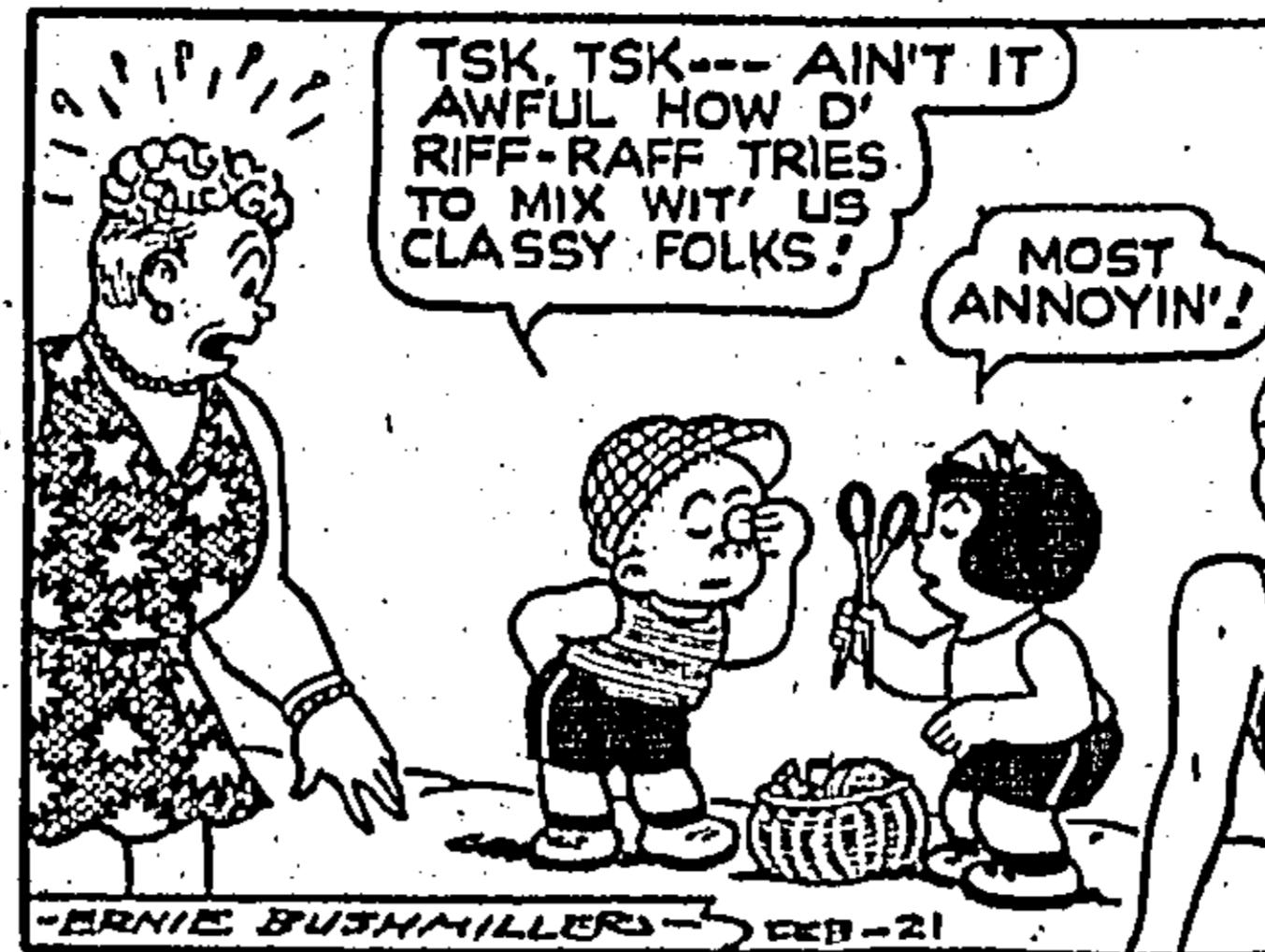
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By Ernie Bushmiller



Satisfactory Entries For Fanling Meet

Special Dollar Sweep On St. John Cup Race The Main Attraction

(By "Captain Foster")

Very good entries have been received for the Spring Meeting, which will be the last of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club to be held at Kwanti on Sunday. The St. John Cup, which is a handicap flat event for "D" class China ponies, is the main event.

In connection with the major contest, a special dollar cash sweep is being conducted by the race club and the cost of a book of ten tickets is \$9 which can be obtained at the Secretaries' Office, Hongkong Bank Building, or the Cash Sweep Department, 18 Connaught Road Central.

There will be no more hurdle racing and steeplechasing after Sunday, but it must be admitted that the season 1938/1939 has been a very successful one and the Stewards of the Fanling Club are to be complimented upon in providing the racing public with plenty of thrills and good sport.

The growing popularity of country racing has been proved by increased attendances at every meeting, but let it be understood that without the flat events the Kwanti racecourse executives will find a hard proposition to keep their heads above water.

The turnover in both the parimutuel and cash sweep departments will no doubt show an advance on last season's figure and this was, no doubt, due to the patronage of the "small men." Without them there will be no racing and it is to be hoped that they will receive a little more consideration for their comfort during next jumping season.

Seating accommodation is one of their chronic complaints and I am sure that the Stewards of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will turn a deaf ear to this request.

Fanling Club opened their season on Boxing Day and in that meeting there were a good few spills owing to the fact that the ponies did not receive proper schooling. There is no doubt, however, that the chasers and hurdlers are now clearing the obstacles without any trouble and I have reason to believe that a big crowd will be motorizing out to see the last meeting, the first event being timed to run off at 2.45 p.m. sharp.

BAN ON WINNERS SHOULD PROVIDE A SPLENDID RACE

The opening event will be the Shataukok Handicap, which is a steeplechase for China ponies over 1½ miles and the ban on winners has precluded the entry of Dogger and Ebony Idol. Judging by the allotment of lead, it looks as if we shall set a fine race provided of course that all the jockeys can draw the proper weight. I was an eye-sore at every meeting to see ponies weighing out with a colossal extra burden of the lead and surely it was not fair to the official handicapper who had to use his wit in adjusting the poundage. However, Zero is at the top of the tree among the list of entries, but I am afraid that he may not last the distance of 1½ miles.

MAIN RACE WILL HAVE BIG PRIZE

Chief interest will be centred on the St. John Cup, a handicap for "D" class China ponies and the run is over a mile. Last year the St. John Cup was a handicap hurdle event and a good tussle over the birch and brush will result between Glorious Star, Spark Plug, Spectrum and Streamline. Spectrum is my fancy.

HOBART PLATE

In the Hobart Plate for Australian ponies of this season (imported by the senior club) over six furlongs, the order of finish should be in my estimation Bruno, African Diamond and Schmetterling.

SUBS' SCURRY

The Subs' Scurry over half a mile for China ponies, subscription griffins, will be an interesting event for there are 13 entries. The scramble should be between Avalon, National Service



Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Paulette Goddard in David Selznick's "The Young in Heart," showing at the King's Theatre to-morrow. The picture is released through United Artists.

March Brown Favoured To Win Here

The Drag Hunters' Plate, which is a hurdle race for bona-fide hunters over the Derby course, has attracted 13 China ponies and with the exception of winners carrying 107 lbs. all others have to shoulder 160 lbs. It will be recalled that March Brown, who was my fancy for the Governor's Cup at the last meeting, ran out and did not complete the course. I still nominate him for the event and I trust the bay gelding will not let me down on Sunday. The old timer, King's Parade, will have to be watched and Clowner should fill the third position.

Even Fight For Brisbane H'cap

With Brutus, Strathcarrie and Teviotdale out of the ron, I expect to see a good field for the Brisbane H'cap, a steeplechase over 1½ miles. A good tussle over the birch and brush will result between Glorious Star, Spark Plug, Spectrum and Streamline. Spectrum is my fancy.

The match between K. L. Yong and C. Au, postponed from this evening, will be played on Friday next at Taikoo at 8 p.m. instead of on Friday, March 31.

Badminton Semi-Final Encounters

Yong And Au Not Playing To-night

The Men's Senior Singles badminton semi-final match between K. L. Yong and C. Au, arranged for this evening at Taikoo, will not be played. Two other matches, however, will be decided. These are as follows:

JUNIOR SINGLES

J. S. Ho v. V. S. H. Boone (8 p.m.)

SENIOR SINGLES

P. K. Hui v. F. Koh (9.30 p.m.)

Two matches in the "B" Division of the League are also scheduled to be decided this evening. The programme is as follows:

CHUNG WAH

v. S. & S. Home

MATCHES RE-ARRANGED

The match between K. L. Yong and C. Au, postponed from this evening, will be played on Friday next at Taikoo at 8 p.m. instead of on Friday, March 31.

The couples semi-final tie between M. A. Oliveira and L. A. Carvalho, of the Club do Recreio, and K. L. Yong and P. K. Hui, of the University, will now be played on Wednesday, March 29, at Taikoo at 8 p.m. instead of on Friday, March 31.

and Patriotic Day and I expect to see them crossing the wire in that position.

SELECTIONS MADE BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

My selections are as follows:

SHATAUKOK HANDICAP

Three Farthings
Zero
Double Chance

DRAG HUNTERS' PLATE

March Brown
King's Parade
Clowner

BRISBANE HANDICAP

Spectrum
Spark Plug
Streamline

ST. JOHN CUP

Flybynight
Plain View
Royal Highness

HOBART PLATE

Bruno
African Diamond
Schmetterling

SUBS' SCURRY

Avalon
National Service
Patriotic Day

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7)
Itiititish—liquidation—liquidy—
guillotine—dislunite—dilunite—

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING

The following are the starting times at Fanling for the week-end.

SATURDAY

- 2.00 F. D. Hunter, Capt. Matthews.
- 2.02 W. Hewitt, I. H. Gore.
- 2.03 G. C. Black, H. G. Sheldon.
- 2.12 E. C. Naylor, J. J. R. Parker.
- 2.13 J. C. Sticks, C. G. Holt.
- 2.48 I. P. Tamworth, T. Low.

SUNDAY

- 9.16 S. H. Dowswell, P. B. Morrison.
- 9.20 G. F. Evans, T. F. H. Waters.
- 9.24 A. B. Purves, R. Young.
- 9.25 I. H. Geare, L. M. Wyke.
- 9.26 J. W. Shewan, D. J. Gilmore.
- 9.27 F. J. Gregory, A. J. Law.
- 9.40 F. Groves, Steiner.
- 9.44 W. N. A. Smalley, W. S. Hillier.
- 9.45 L. R. Cramer, J. W. Mayhew.
- 9.56 W. C. Shewan, W. S. Shewan.
- 10.00 H. H. Mundy, R. K. Valentine.
- 10.04 J. W. Clague, P. E. Annis.
- 10.12 A. H. Guiness, W. T. Yoxall.
- 10.16 C. H. D. Curtois, R. M. King.
- 10.20 J. M. Pearson, W. S. James.
- 10.23 R. C. McMullen, D. Humphreys.
- 10.23 R. C. Stewart, A. K. Mackenzie.
- 10.26 Cdr. Murray, T. R. Rowell.
- 10.27 D. Baker, E. A. Donald.
- 10.44 D. G. Jackson, A. Bonner.
- 10.48 C. W. E. Bishop, W. Woodward.
- 10.52 M. G. Carruthers, V. R. Gordon.
- 10.52 R. S. Sommerville, W. M. Watson.
- 10.55 R. G. Gardner, R. G. Gray.
- 11.04 L. M. S. Lloyd, J. Linker.
- 11.08 G. B. S. Thomson, J. L. C. Pearce.
- 11.12 W. G. Parkinson, J. J. Kelly.

NEW COURSES

- 10.24 J. G. Cotesworth, F. A. M. Elliott.
- 10.22 A. Nicoll, N. K. Littlejohn.
- 10.23 J. S. Dunnett, S. S. Harrison.
- 10.24 Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. Sharp.
- 10.00 T. B. & T. A. Pearce.
- 10.24 Mr. Michael, F. S. Geldart.
- 10.24 P. D. Hunter, Capt. Matthews.
- 10.24 Comdr. and Mrs. Hole.
- 10.32 W. Bell, Mrs. Bell.
- 10.33 Mrs. W. Bell, Mrs. Lacon.

POUNCE

Thirty-one ponies, Australian and Chinese, were sold under the hammer at the Jockey Club paddock, Happy Valley, yesterday. The highest bid of the day was \$325 for Ranger, an Australian. The complete list was as follows:

A Testing Time, \$25, K. Neckleman.

A Lovely Time, \$20, A. V. White.

The Giant Panda, not sold.

Ranger, \$325, Chanson Feng.

Eve Of Shyness, \$25, A. V. White.

Cairnsmore, \$300, Y. M. Loo.

Hollow, \$60, Dr. L. Reidy.

King's Worthy, \$65, S. W. Tang.

Malolo, \$60, Sub. Lt. Lock, H.M.S. Diana.

Final Triumph, not sold.

Mongol, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

Sports Gesture, \$75, S. W. Cheng.

Yue Yee, \$10, Mrs. Cooper.

Golden Arrow, \$75, K. Neckleman.

Borachito, \$65, Robert Chiu.

Yum Sing, not sold.

China Pony, \$15, H. S. Yung.

Labour Day, not sold.

Wood Nymph, not sold.

African Diamond, \$60, A. V. White.

Gold Tower, \$225, F. C. Ko.

High Tower, \$105, S. W. Cheng.

Big Jump, \$25, J. C. Gill.

Alligator, \$100, G. Treverton.

Mayfair Court, \$95, S. W. Cheng.

Hurricane, \$105, H. S. Yung.

Gordito, \$30, P. C. Yung.

Dandelle, \$35, Li Po-chun.

Mac's Second Adventure, \$15, T. H. Brayfield.

Hopefulleg, \$5, Mrs. Cooper.

Soldier of China, not sold.

White Horse, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

Black Cat, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

Red Fox, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

Blue Bird, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

Yellow Duck, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

Green Parrot, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

Red Parrot, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

Blue Parrot, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

Yellow Parrot, \$10, Capt. Whitehead.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS	DOWN
1-Turn aside	1-Defend
6-Journey	2-Jealousy miles
10-Dissension	3-Head French
14-Musician's word for	4-Center spot
quick	5-Guitar
18-Amendment	6-Throats
20-State an em	7-Pulse
24-Play	8-Convulsively
26-Diamond	9-Over-decorated
30-Glistening dot	10-Ornate
32-Spicie	11-Previous experience
34-Way	12-Ornate
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"Mein Kampf" Has New Edition

London, Mar. 23. The first unabridged edition of Herr Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was published to-day by Hurst and Blackett.

The book, which was translated by James Murphy, is sold at 8s. 6d. An abridged edition of "Mein Kampf" was published in London shortly after Hitler took over power, but had to be withdrawn three years ago at the request of the German publishers.—Trans-Ocean.

Social Items

The Annual General Meeting of the St. Andrew's Church Brunch and Missionary Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday, March 28 commencing at 8.30 p.m. sharp. A talk will be given by the Rev. N. V. Halward on "Missionary and Medical Work in Canton."

The wedding took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. Henry Tardrew George Pearce, manager of the Victoria Radio Shoppe, and Miss Lily Chan, of 13 Caine Road, Kowloon. The witnesses were Messrs. H. W. A. C. McDonald and Sydney Chan.

The wedding also took place at the Registry yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, of Mr. Tsui Yam-chuen, merchant, and Miss Wu Kit-ping, of 227 Temple Street, Kowloon. The witnesses were Mrs. Woo Sing and Mr. Yu Shu-ming.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced: Mr. Lin Tak-wai, rice merchant, and Miss Chan Kwan-ya, of 8 Prince's Terrace, Hongkong; and Mr. Tsui Ling-liong, chief editor of the Tien Yiu Pao, and Miss Ho Lai-va, of 35 Rue de Manduco, Macao.

ARMY WEDDING

Capt. A. J. N. Warrack And Miss F. M. Sharp

The wedding took place yesterday at St. John's Cathedral between Captain Alexander John Noel Warrack, M.B., of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and Miss Florence Mary Sharp.

The bride is one of the twin daughters of Lieut.-Col. W. Sharp, o.b.e., and Mrs. Sharp, of Barnborough, Hants, England.

The bridegroom is the younger son of the late Col. J. S. Warrack, M.D., A.M.S., T.D., and Mrs. Warrack of Gravesend, Kent, England.

The Rev. S. Hinckell officiated at the ceremony. Lieut.-Col. W. D. Arthur, M.B.E., of the Royal Army Medical Corps, gave the bride away, and Major G. F. Harrison, M.A., also of the Medical Corps, undertook the duties of best man.

Later a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeve, at 401, The Peak.

LATE NEWS**Nine Die In Plane Crash**

Dalren, Mar. 24. A plane en route from Tientsin to Dalren yesterday morning, carrying nine passengers including a woman and a crew of three, crashed in the sea about half a mile off the coast midway between Port Arthur and Dalren.

All the occupants are believed to have been killed. The shattered remains of the machine, mail-sacks and baggage was discovered on the bottom of the sea last night. A search for the bodies is proceeding.

No foreigners were aboard. The plane belonged to the Chungking Aviation Company. Engine trouble and bad weather are believed to be the cause of the disaster.—Reuter.

Jewels Recovered?

Jewellery to value of \$1,000 was taken in armed robbery at Mrs. Holmes' flat. It is believed that police have recovered it.

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In GLASS TUBE—Box of 10 \$ 3.75**Big Warship Dock Urged****New York Facilities If Europe Bombed**

Washington, Mar. 23. The Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Leahy, has sent a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, recommending that Congress should authorise Government aid to private interests for building a dry dock in New York harbour big enough to handle the largest United States and foreign naval vessels.

"In the case of a war in Europe, it is highly probable that dockyards in Europe will be heavily bombed, he said.

"It would be desirable to have in New York harbour a dock which

Better Sentiment On Stock Exchange

London, Mar. 23. A respite from unfavourable European developments caused a generally better sentiment on the London Stock Exchange to-day, with prices steadily improving under the lead of gilt-edged holdings and Kestrels.

Subsequently there was a general support.

Among commodities, metals were slightly firmer, with a rather brighter outlook.

The foreign exchanges were quiet and narrow apart from the Swiss franc, which, after considerable fluctuations, closed stronger.

Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter Special.

would not only take the largest merchantmen but the largest battleship."

Admiral Leahy recommended that the Government should contribute \$3,500,000 of the estimated \$6,000,000 total cost.—United Press.

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**Bomb Explosion In Coventry**

COVENTRY, Mar. 23.

A bomb exploded in one of the main streets here at 7.15 a.m. to-day, blowing a huge hole, demolishing a lamp-post and shattering windows within a radius of 200 yards.

There were no casualties, as the street was deserted at time.—United Press.

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1 and 3, Wyndham Street in the City of Victoria, Hongkong.**Schuschnigg To Gain Freedom**

Vienna, Mar. 23.

It is expected that Dr. Kurt von Schuschnigg, former Austrian Chancellor, will be released in two or three weeks' time.—Reuter Special.

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